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Filipino protesters circle around burning effigies of President Barack Obama and Philippine President Benigno Aquino III during a rally in Manila on Monday against Obama's visit to the Philippines.

Iraq attacks kill at least 21 as police, army vote

By SINAN SALAHEDDIN
AND QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Militants targeted polling stations across much of Iraq on Monday as soldiers and security forces cast ballots two days ahead of parliamentary elections, killing at least 21 people, officials said.

The wave of attacks was an apparent attempt to derail the balloting process and discourage the rest of the country's 22 million registered voters from going to the polls on Wednesday in the first nationwide elections since the 2011 withdrawal of U.S. forces.

The early police and soldiers are meant to free up the 1 million-strong military and security forces so they can protect polling stations and voters on election day.

More than 9,000 candidates are vying for 328 seats in parliament, which is widely expected to be won by an alliance led by Shiite Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who is likely to seek a third four-year term in office.

"These are crucial elections that we hope will make things better in Iraq," said one voter, policeman Hafez Yidam. "We want peace and a life with dignity."

Hospital patients, medical staff and detainees were also voting on Monday. Abroad, Iraqi expatriates in more than 20 countries will also be able to cast ballots for a second day.

Iraq's ailing President Jalal Talabani, who is being treated in Berlin since December 2012 following a stroke, was shown casting his ballot in Germany, in footage broadcast on a local Kurdish TV station, Kurdistan, in northern Iraq.

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Progress in the Pacific?

Obama touts military pact with the Philippines amid China concerns

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE
AND JIM GOMEZ
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — President Barack Obama said a 10-year agreement signed Monday to give the U.S. military greater access to Philippine bases will help promote peace and stability in the region and that he hopes China's dominant power will allow its neighbors to prosper on their own terms.

Signed as Obama arrived in Manila, the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement

What the deal could mean for US servicemembers

- Rotational visits of U.S. forces to Philippines-controlled bases
- Pre-positioning of aircraft and ships
- Possible use of the Subic Bay naval facility

will give American forces temporary access to selected military camps and allow them to pre-position fighter jets and ships.

Although the deal is being perceived as a U.S. effort to counter Chinese aggression in the region, Obama said his message to Beijing is that America wants to partner with China in upholding international law.

"Our goal is not to contain China. Our goal is not to contain China."

"Our goal is to make sure international rules and norms are respected and that includes in the area of international disputes," Obama said at a news conference with Philippine President Benigno Aquino III at the Malacanang Palace.

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"It's a shock that you lost everything. You don't understand everything you have until you realize that all I've got now is just what I have on."

— Karla Ault, a Vilonia, Ark., high school basketball coach whose home was reduced to slabs by severe storms on Sunday

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Report: Troops killed in helo crash ID'd

Stars and Stripes

Five British servicemen killed in a special forces helicopter crash in southern Afghanistan have been identified by the nation's Ministry of Defence, according to a Sunday report in British newspaper The Telegraph.

An investigation has begun into the crash of the Lynx helicopter

that went down with the loss of all crew and passengers on a routine training mission near Kandahar Airfield.

Capt. Thomas Clarke, Warrant Officer Spencer Faulkner and Cpl. James Walters, of the Army Air Corps, died alongside Flight Lt. Rakesh Chauhan, of the Royal Air Force, and Lance Cpl. Oliver

Thomas, of the Intelligence Corps. The MOD has denied claims by Taliban insurgents that they shot down the Lynx and said that a technical problem was possible, according to the report.

The Lynx is used to ferry troops such as the Special Air Service and Special Boat Service on missions, and is also heavily armed

for supporting fire.

The helicopter crashed Saturday in Kandahar's Takhta Pul district, some 30 miles from the Pakistan border, the Telegraph reported. The incident came only seven months before the end of Britain's combat mission in Afghanistan and brought the U.K.'s armed forces death toll to 453.

Afghan flooding kills more than 100 in north

The Associated Press

KABUL — An official said flooding in northern Afghanistan has killed more than 100 people and driven hundreds more from their homes.

The Afghan National Army was using helicopters to rescue people trapped by the waters and to ferry food and water to remote areas.

The Afghanistan National Disaster Management Author-

ity official said Sunday that 111 dead bodies have been found so far in Sari Pul, Zawzjan, Faryab and Badghis provinces. About 20 other people are still missing.

The official spoke by telephone on condition of anonymity because he is not an authorized spokesman.

The floods were fed by heavy rains late last week. The official said about 1,000 people have fled their villages after losing their houses, crops and livestock.



Afghan youth save their belongings from the water after a flood in Jawzjan province, Afghanistan.

Testimony at sergeant's murder trial focuses on rifle scope

By JIM WILHELM

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

TACOMA — The scope on the M-4 rifle that Sgt. 1st Class Michael Barbera is accused of using to fatally shoot two Iraqi boys might play a key defense role in the Army's murder case against him, military justice experts said.

"A reasonable person might say the boys posed no threat, yet a person looking through a

scope might have determined from what he saw that there was a serious threat," said retired Col. Morris D. "Moe" Davis, a Judge Advocate General's Corps officer for more than 25 years. Davis retired after serving as head of the Air Force judiciary.

"In the calm of the courtroom, it's easy to second-guess with the coulde, shoulda, woulda," he said.

Barbera, 31, is charged with two counts of premeditated murder and two lesser counts of prejudicial conduct in connection with the slayings of Ahmad Khalid al-Timmimi, 15, and his brother, Abbas, 14. Now a staff sergeant, he faces an Article 32 preliminary hearing that began last week and continued on Monday at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

Family and village members told the Tribune-Review as part of a special investigative report, "Rules of Engagement," that he

teenagers were both deaf and mute, never armed and were only tending to cattle when they died March 6, 2007, in a palm grove outside the Iraqi village of As Sadah, about 50 miles northeast of Baghdad.

Five members of the eight-member Small Kill Team that Barbera led testified last week that they saw him fire the only shots at that position, moments after the cattle and the youths were first spotted in clear daylight in an area of high grass.

Retired medic Andrew Harman said he did not see what Barbera was shooting at and did not know until told later. The other four team members testified that the boys were tending to cattle and appeared unaware of the team before Barbera shot, hitting the boys with one shot each.

Under cross-examination by defense attorney David Coombs, the witnesses testified they saw

Barbera look through the Advanced Combat Optical Gunsight scope on his rifle in the seconds before he shot. The scope magnifies the shooter's field of vision and generally has a red dot for centering the target, Army officials say.

Coombs asked the witnesses whether it was possible Barbera saw something in the scope before he fired that they did not see. Most insisted they had good views but added responses that experts say could favor the defense: "Maybe." "It's possible." "Anything's possible," they said.

Coombs was introducing doubt about what the prosecution says was criminal intent, said experts who have been following news reports about Barbera's hearing.

Coombs was trying to show that Barbera "had the better view with the scope. Looking through a scope, you're going to see more than you will without," Davis said.

Correction

An article in the April 25 editions implied that Maj. Gen. Michael Harrison reassigned a woman for filing a sexual assault complaint. The woman was reassigned in August 2012 and filed her complaint in March 2013.

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MILITARY

Aviano students questioned in probe of alcohol, drug possession

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — An undisclosed number of students attending Aviano Middle/High School in Italy are under investigation for possession of drugs and alcohol, a spokesman for Defense Department schools said Monday.

The school was closed for more than an hour Thursday while the Italian carabinieri — local police — searched the campus as part of the investigation, said Bob Purttman, spokesman for Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe.

Marijuana and hard liquor were found, Purttman said. The number of students involved and the quantity of drugs and alcohol confiscated are still being determined.

"It's still an active investigation," he said. "They're still bringing kids in and talking to them."

If and how students will be disciplined if found to be involved isn't known yet, Purttman said.

Some students, however, are potentially facing more severe consequences than others, he said. A DODDS disciplinary committee comprising school officials is expected to meet early next week. The committee decides on consequences for more serious offenses such as suspensions longer than 10 consecutive days or even expulsions.

The Italian carabinieri is leading the investigation. A police spokesman could not be reached Monday for comment.

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Communities get set for AF Academy language program

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Communities near Ramstein Air Base are making plans to host 11 cadets from the U.S. Air Force Academy in June for what will be the second year of a unique foreign exchange program.

Cadets studying German stay with host families, with the goal of immersion in the German language and culture for three weeks. Last summer, six cadets participated. It's the only academy exchange program in Germany that's sponsored by the local government, an academy official said last summer.

Seven male cadets and four female cadets have been chosen for this year's program, which starts June 1, said Stefan Layes, public affairs officer for Ramstein-Miesenbach, a village near Ramstein Air Base organizing this year's event.

Cadets will attend daily language lessons. A trip to Berlin is planned June 13-15.

Nine families from communities near Ramstein have volunteered to host the cadets in their homes, including three returning host families from last summer, Layes said.

"We are looking for two more families," he said.

It's preferred that families have at least one member who can speak English, Layes said. The cadets come with varying levels of German language abilities.

Layes said becoming a host family is a way to show support for the Americans here, home to the largest U.S. military community overseas.

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From left, American John Gabel and his parents, Betty and Gary, sit with Mohammad Hadi Hadayati, Kabul University's vice chancellor, at Kabul University in Kabul on April 22. An Afghan police security guard opened fire on foreigners Thursday as they entered the grounds of Cure International Hospital, killing three people, including John and Gary Gabel.

2 from US slain in Kabul attack

Father and son from Chicago among dead in hospital shooting

By CARLA K. JOHNSON
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — A proud father visiting his son in Afghanistan spent what would become both men's final days seeing the city where the younger man ran a small clinic, drinking tea with a university colleague and learning about his son's work.

A planned visit to a Kabul hospital brought them together with a third Illinois man, a doctor who shared their interest in the Afghan people and a faith-driven commitment to helping others.

Gary Gabel, of suburban Chicago, and his son, John Gabel, were killed Thursday when an Afghan police security guard opened fire on the group as they entered the grounds of a hospital in Kabul. Also killed was Dr. Jerry Umanos, a pediatrician from Chicago. John Gabel's wife, Teresa, also an American, was wounded.

What prompted the guard to fire on the Americans was not clear, but recently there have been a number of so-called insider attacks — incidents in which Afghan security forces fire on their comrades or foreign trainers or civilians. Violence increased in Afghanistan ahead of the NATO withdrawal and also in the weeks leading up to the country's April 5 election.

Whether the couple's young daughter, Laila, and John Gabel's mother, Betty, were along for the visit to the Cure International Hospital remains unclear. Umanos, who trained young doctors and cared for pediatric patients at the hospital,

"We have lost a great man, a great teacher, a man who was here only to serve the Afghan people. I was very honored to meet John's parents. Both his mother and father were so proud of their son."

Mohammad Hadi Hadayati
Kabul University vice chancellor

tal, had invited the family as his guests.

"Giving back to those in need was special to all the Gabel family," Arlington Heights Mayor Thomas W. Hayes told The Associated Press. The mayor said he's known the family for 25 years as members of the Orchard Evangelical Free Church in Arlington Heights, and learned of the deaths first "through the church grapevine" and then from a church email to members.

Gary Gabel sang in the church choir and was involved with church youth groups and the leadership team. Hayes coached John and his own son, both now in their early 30s, when they played on a church basketball team. John, who was tall, was the team's center.

Hayes described the church as a

close-knit group, which has grown over at least four decades to 2,000 members in four suburbs.

"It's going to be a very difficult time tomorrow morning, I can tell you that," Hayes said of Sunday's church service.

Family and friends grieved privately Saturday. The Associated Press left phone messages for Gabel family members that weren't immediately returned.

"Out of respect for the Gabel family, we don't have anything to say at this time," church spokeswoman Claire Bechard said in an email to the AP. She confirmed the Gabels are church members.

Kabul University Vice Chancellor Mohammad Hadi Hadayati remembered John Gabel as a "good friend" who worked for the Colorado Springs-based charity Morning Star Development and ran a small health clinic that provided a pharmacy and emergency care for the students, professors and employees.

John Gabel had directed the clinic for two years under an agreement between Kabul University and Morning Star, Hadayati said. A phone message left with Morning Star Development on Saturday was not immediately returned.

"We have lost a great man, a great teacher, a man who was here only to serve the Afghan people," said Hadayati, who had lunch with the whole family the day before the attack.

"I was very honored to meet John's parents," Hadayati said. "Both his mother and father were so proud of their son."

MILITARY

Sources say good ammo slated to be destroyed

BY TOM VANDEN BROOK
USA Today

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon plans to destroy more than \$1 billion worth of ammunition although some of those bullets and missiles could still be used by troops, according to the Pentagon and congressional sources.

It's impossible to know what portion of the arsenal slated for destruction — valued at \$1.2 billion by the Pentagon — remains viable because the Defense Department's inventory systems can't share data effectively, according to a Government Accountability Office report obtained by USA TODAY.

The result: potential waste of unknown value.

"There is a huge opportunity to save millions, if not billions of dollars if the (Pentagon) can make some common-sense improvements to how it manages ammunition," said Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del., and chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. "Despite years of effort, the Army, Navy and Air Force still don't have an efficient process for doing something as basic as sharing excess bullets. This Government Accountability Office (GAO) report clearly shows that our military's antiquated systems lead to millions of dollars in wasteful ammunition purchases."

The Army and Pentagon, in a statement, acknowledged "the need to automate the process" and will make it a priority in future budgets. In all, the Pentagon manages a stockpile of conventional ammunition worth \$70 billion.

The effect of inaccurate accounting of ammunition for troops at war was outside



JUSTIN CONNAHER/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Linked 5.56 mm ammunition hangs out of a container on a table behind the firing line as soldiers of the 23rd Engineer Company, 6th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne), 2nd Engineer Brigade, U.S. Army Alaska observe training with the M249 Squad Automatic Weapon on Wednesday at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

"We simply cannot afford this type of waste and ineffectiveness."

U.S. Sen. Tom Carper
D-Del.

nior military officer who spoke on condition of anonymity to talk about the issue.

"We simply cannot afford this type of waste and ineffectiveness," Carper said. "The (Pentagon) has a responsibility to efficiently manage its ammunition stocks, not only because it is important to be fiscally responsible, but also because our antiquated ammunition inventory systems can shortchange our war fighters and compromise their ability to complete their mission."

Other key findings from the report:

■ The services have inventory systems for ammunition that cannot share data directly

the scope of the study. However, there were limited supplies at times of .50-caliber machine gun and 9mm handgun ammunition at the height of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to a senior military officer who spoke on condition of anonymity to talk about the issue.

despite working for decades to develop a single database. Only the Army uses the standard Pentagon format, "the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps operate with formats that are obsolete."

■ The services hold an annual conference to share information about surplus ammunition and swap bullets and other munitions as needed. Data about ammunition left over after the meeting disappears from the books, resulting in an unknown amount of good bullets headed to the scrap heap.

■ The Army, although required by regulation, had not reported annually on its missile stockpile until last month, shortly before the GAO study was to be released.

The report illustrates the obsolete nature of the Pentagon's inventory systems for ammunition. A request for ammunition from the Marine Corps, for example, is emailed to the Army. The email is printed out and manually retyped into the Army system because the services cannot share data directly.

Not only is this time-consuming, but it can introduce errors — by an incorrect keystroke, for example.

Jury: Life sentence for Marine in murder

BY NANEKA KALAANI
The Honolulu Star-Advertiser

A military jury is recommending that Master Sgt. Nathaniel Cosby spend the rest of his life in prison and be dishonorably discharged after finding the 39-year-old Marine guilty last week of killing a prostitute in his Waikiki hotel room.

Cosby was convicted Thursday in the May 16 death of Iwance "Ivy" Harris, who was two days shy of her 29th birthday.

An eight-member jury made up of four enlisted servicemembers and four commissioned officers on Thursday found Cosby guilty of "murder while engaging in an inherently dangerous act," an offense that carries a maximum term of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The conviction automatically results in forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

Cosby also was found guilty of obstructing justice and attempting to patronize a prostitute.

The life term was recommended Saturday, after the sentencing phase of Cosby's court-martial at Marine Corps Base Hawaii at Kaneohe Bay.

The jury's decision will be reviewed by Lt. Gen. Terry Robling, commander of U.S. Marine Forces Pacific and the court-martial's convening authority.

Robling will need to issue a decision within 120 days either agreeing with the sentence or reducing the penalty, according to a spokesman for Marine Forces Pacific.

"I am pleased that the court-martial process worked and reached a just verdict," Robling said in a joint statement issued Saturday by the Marine Corps and the city prosecutor's office. "At the same time, we should not forget the young lady who was the victim in this case and take this opportunity to extend our deepest sympathy to Ms. Ivy Harris' family and friends. This is obviously an unfortunate and very sad occasion for all concerned — the loss of a young life and the career of a U.S. Marine."

If sentenced to life, Cosby, who remains in confinement at the brig on Ford Island, would be transferred to the maximum-security military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., the spokesman said.

Phoenix-area VA clinic opens amid scandal

The Associated Press

GILBERT, Ariz. — A new Phoenix-area clinic that is expected to serve thousands of veterans opened Saturday as local VA officials face allegations of negligence.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' new "super clinic" in Gilbert launched earlier this month but had a ribbon-cutting ceremony, the Arizona Republic reported.

The event comes as the Phoenix VA Health Care System faces allegations that several patients died waiting for medical care.

According to a July email exchange obtained by the newspaper, employees at Carl T. Hayden Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Phoenix complained that officials were mischaracterizing data to claim they had successfully reduced wait times for patient appointments.

In an email, Damian Reese, a program analyst, said some veterans were waiting between six and 20 weeks to simply make an appointment.

Phoenix VA Health Care System Director Sharon Helman asked for an internal ethics review, according to the emails.

Helman told The Republic on Saturday that she was unaware of allegations involving veterans dying while awaiting care and

manipulation of wait-time records until they were brought up in a congressional hearing this month.

"We're very transparent, and we have a program where, if there is found to be any harm, we bring the veteran in and/or the family members and we are responsible and take accountability for that," Helman said.

Sen. Bernard Sanders, I-Vt., chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, announced plans Thursday for a hearing on the accusations of gross mismanagement and neglect. The hearing will follow an investigation by the VA Office of Inspector General, Sanders said.

The Department of Veterans Affairs operates 18 outpatient clinics in Arizona along with three major hospitals in Phoenix, Tucson and Prescott.

The 60,000-square-foot outpatient facility in Gilbert took two years to build and fills a void left by a clinic at the former Williams Air Force Base in Mesa. It will keep patients in the suburbs east of Phoenix having to commute to central Phoenix, officials said.

Phoenix VA spokesman Scott McRoberts said veterans will receive primary and specialty care as well as dentistry and radiology services. There is also an on-site pharmacy and labs.

Obama orders investigation of reported Ariz. vet deaths

MANILA, Philippines — President Barack Obama says the U.S. will get to the bottom of whether veterans were denied help they needed at a VA hospital in Arizona.

Obama said he immediately ordered Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki to investigate following allegations that up to 40 Arizona veterans died while awaiting medical appointments at the Phoenix VA Health Care Center.

Obama said he takes the allegations "very seriously." He said an inspector general is also investigating.

Obama said he wants to ensure not a single U.S. veteran lacks the help they need. He said he's increased the VA's budget more than any other agency in his government.

Obama spoke at a news conference in Manila while traveling in the Philippines.

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MILITARY

Progress: Filipino activists opposed to accord demonstrate near meeting

FROM FRONT PAGE

Obama's overnight visit to the Philippines is the last stop on a weeklong Asia tour that also included Japan, South Korea and Malaysia. At each stop along his tour, Obama reaffirmed the U.S. treaty commitments to defend its Asian allies, including in their territorial disputes with China. He said in Manila that the U.S. takes no specific position on those disputes, but believes China should resolve disputes with its neighbors the same way the U.S. does — through dialogue.

"We don't go around sending ships and threatening folks," Obama said.

With its anemic military, the Philippines has struggled to bolster its territorial defense amid China's increasingly assertive behavior in the oil- and gas-rich South China Sea, which Obama flew over on his way here, according to the Air Force One cockpit. Chinese paramilitary ships took effective control of the disputed Scarborough Shoal, a rich fishing ground off the northwestern Philippines, in 2012. Last year, Chinese coast guard ships surrounded another contested offshore South China Sea territory, the Second Thomas Shoal.

Aquino, standing next to Obama in front of a lush backdrop of tropical plants, said the new agreement "takes our security cooperation to a higher level of engagement, reaffirms our countries' commitment to mutual defense and security, and promotes regional peace and stability."

Still, the increased U.S. military role drew consternation from some Filipino activists, who say the agreement reverses democratic gains achieved when huge American military bases were shut down in the early 1990s, ending a nearly centurylong military presence in the former U.S. colony.

Some 800 of those activists burned mock U.S. flags and chanted "No-bama, no bases, no war" on the road leading to the gates of the palace where Obama met with Aquino. Others burned an effigy of Obama riding a chariot pulled by Aquino, who was depicted as a dog.

Seeking to allay concerns, Obama said at the outset of his remarks that the U.S. wasn't trying to reclaim bases or to open new ones. Instead, he said, the agreement will improve maritime security and will hasten response to regional natural disasters.

Yet even as he moved to increase America's military presence in Asia, Obama disputed suggestions that an undercurrent of weakness in his foreign policy has enabled the type of festering crises that have become distractions even during Obama's trip to Asia. Reviewing his decision-making on Russia, Syria and other global hot spots, Obama said he's strengthened the U.S. position in the world even if his tactics "may not always be sexy."

"For some reason, many who were proponents of what I consider to be a disastrous decision to go into Iraq haven't really learned

the lesson of the last decade," Obama said of his more hawkish critics. "Why? I don't know."

Honoring Obama at a state dinner later at the palace, Aquino presented Obama with the "Order of Sikatuna," a national award recognizing exceptional service to the Philippines and its global relations. Obama was given the rank of "Raja," a distinction bestowed only on heads of state, and

said he was deeply honored.

Under the new military agreement, Filipino facilities would remain under Philippine control and U.S. forces would rotate in and out for joint training, as some already do, and not be based in the country, he said. The Philippine Constitution bars permanent U.S. military bases, although hundreds of American military personnel have been deployed in the southern Philippines since

2002 to provide counterterrorism training to Filipino soldiers fighting Muslim militants.

Many details, including the size and duration of the U.S. military presence, remain to be worked out with the Philippine government. The White House has declined to say which places are being considered under the agreement, but said the long-shuttered U.S. facility at Subic Bay could be one of the locations.

U.S. Ambassador Philip Goldberg and Philippine Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin signed the agreement at the main military camp in the capital, Manila, shortly before Obama's arrival in the country on Monday.

Obama planned to pay his respects Tuesday at the U.S. military cemetery at Fort Bonifacio and address U.S. and Philippine troops before returning to Washington.



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USS Denver returns

Sailors man the rails on the flight deck of the Austin-class amphibious transport dock ship USS Denver as it pulls into port Sunday following the completion of its last operational deployment. The Denver, part of the Bonhomme Richard Amphibious Ready Group, was conducting joint force amphibious operations in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit and Commander Amphibious Transport 11. Homeported in Sasebo, the Denver is slated for decommissioning this year.

Gitmo court session hears from prisoner's psychiatrist

By CAROL ROSENBERG
The Miami Herald

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — An Army psychiatrist testified Sunday that Guantanamo doctors, with no government account of what the CIA did to the accused USS Cole bomber, offered the captive a range of treatments for his mental health problems, such as antidepressants and exposure therapy.

The doctor, an Army major who was board-certified in psychiatry in 2012, said the man awaiting a death-penalty trial didn't agree to any kind of therapy and because participation was essential, it never happened.

Abd al Rahim al Nashiri, 49, was held for four years by the CIA and, according to unclassified abuse reports, was interrogated with a waterboard and a power drill and was subjected to a mock execution. The doctor testified, anonymously and by video link from Fort Bliss, Texas, that medical records he consulted provided no CIA detention history on any of his patients.

"I have just assumed that they probably went through some form of hell at some point in their life," said the doctor, who wore the battle-dress uniform of an Army major and was called Doctor 97 in court.

Last year, a court-appointed U.S. military medical board was authorized to see information about Nashiri's 2002-06 secret CIA detention and diagnosed him

as suffering post-traumatic stress disorder and major depression. Last week, an expert on treating torture survivors, who likewise was given top-secret access to learn about Nashiri's CIA treatment, diagnosed Nashiri as a victim of "physical, psychological and sexual torture."

Sunday, Doctor 97 said he didn't know what happened to Nashiri before Guantanamo beyond "suspicions," but disagreed with the expert. The doctor recently switched Nashiri's primary diagnosis to narcissistic personality disorder, finding that more apt than "some stressor that happened years ago."

"He was not demonstrating symptoms at that time when I was seeing him of post-traumatic stress disorder," the psychiatrist also said. Guantanamo doctors prescribed Nashiri a series of antidepressants and offered him psychotherapy and exposure therapy for an anxiety disorder. The treatment required a commitment to cooperate because he could get worse before he got better.

The doctor described exposure therapy as a patient's agreeing to be intentionally exposed to things that trigger anxiety, to recalibrate his brain's fear center, "to become more normalized, so in the future those same triggers will not cause the degree of anxiety or negative response or may not cause any anxiety whatsoever."

At issue is a defense claim — Nashiri's lawyers describe it

as medical malpractice — that Guantanamo prison's military doctors have not treated him for the trauma he suffered at the hands of the CIA. His lawyers want the judge, Army Col. James L. Pohl, to order specialized treatment, and asked Pohl to order training of Guantanamo medical staff treating former CIA prisoners by the torture expert who testified, Dr. Sondra Crosby.

Navy Lt. Bryan Davis, a case prosecutor, told the judge he never should have heard from the doctors in the first place. Nobody argued that Nashiri was not competent to face trial, Davis said, and the judge shouldn't intrude in the military's running of Guantanamo prison camp.

Davis also argued that Nashiri got adequate health care.

In one exchange with the psychiatrist, the prosecutor asked if Nashiri "received care in accordance with the standard of practice in the clinical guidelines."

"Absolutely," the doctor replied.

Nashiri, awaiting a death-penalty trial, is accused of orchestrating al-Qaida's Oct. 12, 2000, suicide bombing of the Cole warship off Yemen. Seventeen American sailors died.

The military judge called the rare Sunday war court session to conclude a week of hearings once the military located the vacationing Army psychiatrist.

The hearings resume after Memorial Day.

Military ex-wife's trial in deaths of children to start

By TAMARA LUSH
The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Jurors at the trial of a Tampa military ex-wife accused of killing her two teenagers will see many disturbing images and hear hours of troubling evidence.

They will also see several sides to Julie Schenecker, a former military linguist who prosecutors say fatally shot her 16-year-old daughter and 13-year-old son.

They will see an Army colonel's then-wife and attentive suburban mom, cheering from the sidelines as her kids played soccer. They will also see a woman who bought a gun the weekend before the killings — and who complained in a letter that a three-day waiting period would "delay the massacre."

Jurors will have to decide which side of Schenecker, 53, is closest to the truth: an upper-middle-class soccer mom who killed her children after planning the shootings for at least several days, or a woman who struggled with profound mental illness for decades and didn't know what she was doing. Her attorneys are planning an insanity defense.

Schenecker goes on trial this week, charged with two counts of first-degree murder. Jury selection was scheduled to start Monday.

Prosecutors are not seeking the death penalty, but if convicted, Schenecker could face life in

prison without the possibility of parole. If Schenecker is found not guilty by reason of insanity, the judge could still order her committed to a mental hospital until it is determined she is no longer a danger to others or herself.

According to Tampa Police, Schenecker shot her son, Beau, 13, twice in the head with a .38-caliber pistol in the family car "for talking back" as she drove him to soccer practice. The report said Schenecker then drove to their upscale home and shot her daughter, Calyx, 16, in the face as the high school cross-country star studied on her computer.

After Schenecker sent her mother a disturbing email, officers went to the house and found her drenched in blood on her back porch. They then found the teenagers' bodies, a scene that was so troubling that a stress team was called to counsel the officers.

While in the Army, Schenecker advanced to the rank of sergeant as a Russian linguist. While stationed in Munich, Germany, she met and married Parker Schenecker in the late 1980s. She left the service a few years later.

At the time of the killings, Col. Parker Schenecker was attached to U.S. Central Command in Tampa. He had been deployed to the Middle East a few weeks before the killings happened. He has since divorced his wife and has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against her.

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UKRAINE UNREST



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A pro-Russian masked armed man sits on the barricades Monday in front of city hall in Kostyantynivka, 22 miles south of Sloviansk, eastern Ukraine, after masked militants with automatic weapons seized the building.

Ukraine mayor shot in back; gunmen seize more buildings

By MARIA DANILOVA
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — The mayor of Ukraine's second-largest city was shot in the back and pro-Russia insurgents seized more government buildings Monday in eastern Ukraine.

Armed insurgents tacitly backed by Moscow are seeking more autonomy in the region — possibly even independence or annexation with Russia. Ukraine's acting government and the West have accused Russia of orchestrating the unrest, which they fear Moscow could use as a pretext for an invasion.

Last month, Russia annexed Crimea weeks after seizing control of the Black Sea peninsula.

Hennadiy Kernes, the mayor of Kharkiv, was shot in the back Monday morning, underwent surgery and "doctors are fighting for his life," city hall said.

Kharkiv city hall spokesman Yuri Sydorenko told the Interfax news agency that Kernes was shot while cycling on the outskirts of the city. Officials have not commented on who could be behind the attack.

Interfax quoted Valery Boiko, a Kharkiv surgeon who operated on Kernes, as saying the mayor's life is still under threat.

Kernes was a staunch opponent

of the pro-West Maidan movement that toppled President Viktor Yanukovich in February and was widely viewed as the organizer of activists sent to Kiev from eastern Ukraine to harass those demonstrators.

He has since softened his stance toward the new Kiev government. At a meeting of eastern Ukrainian leaders and acting Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk earlier this month, Kernes insisted he does not support the pro-Russia insurgents and backed a united Ukraine.

Kharkiv is in eastern Ukraine, where pro-Russia gunmen have seized government buildings and police stations, set up roadblocks or staged protests to demand greater autonomy or outright annexation by Russia. Unlike the neighboring Donetsk region, Kharkiv has been largely unaffected by the insurgency and Kernes has been credited for that. Its regional administration building was briefly seized earlier this month but promptly was cleared of pro-Russia protesters.

On Monday, masked militants with automatic weapons seized another city hall building and a police station in eastern Ukraine, this time in Kostyantynivka, 100 miles from the Russian border. The city is 22 miles south of Slo-

viatsk, a major city that has been in insurgents' hands for more than three weeks now.

After the seizure, about 15 armed men guarded the city hall building. Some posed for pictures with residents while others distributed St. George's ribbons, the symbol of the pro-Russia movement.

Russia announced new military exercises along its border with Ukraine last week, unnerving Ukraine and the West. NATO has said Russia has up to 40,000 troops stationed in regions along the border.

On Monday, Moscow turned down Kiev's request to visit the military exercises. Russia's foreign ministry said the Geneva accord that Ukraine and Russia signed earlier this month does not contain any restrictions of what the Russian army can do on its own territory.

Meanwhile, the increasingly ruthless pro-Russia insurgency is turning to an ominous, new tactic: kidnapping. About 40 people are being held hostage in makeshift jails in Sloviansk — including journalists, pro-Ukraine activists and seven military observers from the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe. Ukraine's Security Service said Monday.

US penalizes Russian firms and 7 officials

By JULIE PACE
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — The United States levied new sanctions Monday on seven Russian government officials, as well as 17 companies with links to President Vladimir Putin's close associates as the Obama administration seeks to pressure the Russian leader to de-escalate the crisis in Ukraine.

The U.S. sanctions were implemented in coordination with the European Union, which moved to slap visa bans and asset freezes on 15 individuals alleged to be involved with stoking instability in eastern Ukraine.

The new penalties were a response to what the West says is Russia's failure to live up to commitments it agreed to under an international accord aimed at ending the dispute. The White House says Russia's involvement in the recent violence in eastern Ukraine is indisputable and warned that the U.S. and its partners were prepared to impose deeper penalties if Russia's provocations continue.

President Barack Obama announced the U.S. sanctions while traveling in the Philippines, the last stop on a weeklong trip to Asia. He said that while his goal was not to target Putin personally, he was seeking to "change his calculus with respect to how the current actions that he's engaging in could have an adverse impact on the Russian economy over the long haul."

Among the targets of the new sanctions is Igor Sechin, the president of state oil company Rosneft, who has worked for Putin since the early 1990s. Sechin was seen as the mastermind behind the 2003 legal assault on private oil company Yukos and its founder, Mikhail Khodorkovsky, who at the time was Russia's richest man. The most lucrative parts of Yukos were taken over by Rosneft, making it Russia's largest company. Rosneft has a major partnership deal with ExxonMobil.

In addition to the new sanc-

tions, the U.S. is adding new restrictions on high-tech materials used by Russia's defense industry that could help bolster Moscow's military.

Obama has been building a case for this round of penalties throughout his trip to Asia, both in his public comments and in private conversations with European leaders. The new sanctions are intended to build on earlier U.S. and European visa bans and asset freezes imposed on Russian officials, including many in Putin's inner circle, after Moscow annexed the Crimean Peninsula from Ukraine last month.

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Even with the new measures, Obama voiced pessimism about whether they would be enough to change Putin's calculus. "We don't yet know whether it's going to work," he said.

Also on the list of those sanctioned by the U.S. on Monday are Alekssei Pushkov, the Kremlin-connected head of Russian parliament's lower house, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Kozak, and Sergei Chemezov, another longtime Putin ally. The White House said Putin has known Chemezov, CEO of the state-owned holding company Rostec, since the 1980s, when they both lived in the same apartment building in East Germany.

Most of the 17 companies on the list are controlled by three businessmen with close links to Putin: Gennadiy Timchenko, and brothers Boris and Arkady Rotenberg, all of whom were targeted by the first round of U.S. sanctions imposed in March.

None of the 17 is a public company.

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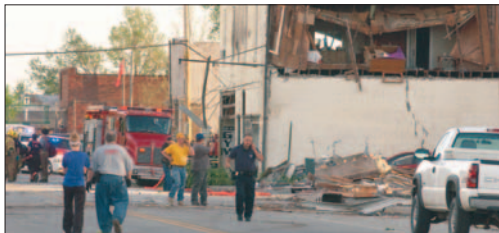
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Clockwise from top left: First responders, volunteers and firemen gather on Main Street in Quapaw, Okla., after a tornado struck the city on Sunday evening; a trail of debris shows the path of a tornado-devastated neighborhood in Vilonia, Ark.; the remains of a home damaged by a tornado Sunday evening stands in Baxter Springs, Kan.

Four in 5 high school students graduate

WASHINGTON — U.S. public high schools have reached a milestone — an 80 percent graduation rate. Yet that still means 1 of every 5 students walks away without a diploma.

Citing the progress, researchers are projecting a 90 percent national graduation rate by 2020. Their report, based on Education Department statistics from 2012, was presented Monday at the Building a GradNation Summit.

The growth has been spurred by such factors as a greater awareness of the dropout problem and efforts by districts, states and the federal government to include graduation rates in accountability measures. Among the initiatives are closing “dropout factory” schools.

NY lawmaker in custody on US fraud charges

NEW YORK — U.S. Rep. Michael Grimm was arrested Monday to face a 20-count federal indictment that includes charges of mail fraud, wire fraud and tax fraud.

The Staten Island Republican was awaiting arraignment in Brooklyn. He is charged with engaging in schemes to underreport wages for restaurant workers, including some who were in the country illegally. He is accused of concealing more than \$1 million in sales and wages.

Authorities said that when he was deposed by an attorney representing former employees in a lawsuit, Grimm lied under oath about his allegedly fraudulent business practices.

Crime drops with new police force in NJ town

CAMDEN, N.J. — A year after Camden disbanded its police department and brought in a new one with more officers on the street, reported crime has dropped significantly in a city that still ranks as dangerous by any measure.

After years of doing little more than responding to emergency calls, police are on intensive neighborhood patrols, a move that has sent drug dealers scattering. The bold effort to fix the crime problem was to get rid of the city police department and the union contract that city officials found onerous. The city contracted with the Camden County government, which built a new police force. The Camden County Metro police patrol only in Camden, not its suburbs. Clerical, analytical and crime-scene processing jobs were given to civilians, and most of the cops were put on street beats.

From The Associated Press

Severe storms rip through Midwest

BY ANDREW DEMILLO
AND CHRISTINA HUYNH
The Associated Press

VILONIA, Ark. — Emergency officials were searching for survivors Monday in the debris left by a powerful tornado that killed at least 16 people in Arkansas and carved an 80-mile path of destruction through suburban Little Rock.

The tornado that slammed into Vilonia, just west of the capital city, grew to about half a mile wide Sunday and was among a rash of tornadoes and strong storms that rumbled across the Midwest and South overnight. The National Weather Service warned that more tornadoes, damaging winds and very large hail would strike Monday in parts of Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Louisiana.

“We don’t have a count on injuries or missing. We’re trying to get a handle on the missing part,” Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe said during a Monday news conference. “Just looking at the damage, this may be one of the strongest we have seen.”

Brandon Morris, spokesman for the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, said crews were sifting through the rubble in the hope of uncovering survivors and to assess the full extent of the damage.

“Right now, the main focus is life safety,” Morris said. “We’re trying to make sure everyone is accounted for.”

Karla Ault, a Vilonia High School volleyball coach, said she sheltered in the school gymnasium as the storm approached. After it passed, her husband told her their home was reduced to the slab on which it had sat.

“I’m just kind of numb. It’s just shock that you lost everything. You don’t understand everything you have until you realize that all I’ve got now is just what I have on,” Ault said.

In southeastern Iowa, a woman was killed when either a tornado or powerful straight-line winds caused a farm building to collapse.

A twister killed a person in Quapaw, Okla., before crossing into Kansas, where it destroyed more

than 100 homes and businesses and injured 25 people in the city of Baxter Springs, according to Kansas authorities.

The overall death toll stood at 18 late Monday morning.

Sue McBride, 71, a retired sewing machinist in Baxter Springs, said she thought the tornado sirens could spell a false alarm. But then she saw and heard the twister approaching. She said debris flew all around as she ran into her home. She hunkered on her knees in her hallway with her head down as the tornado shattered her windows, spraying glass all over her.

“I didn’t have one scratch on me, and I was fine,” McBride said.

The Arkansas twister shredded cars, trucks and 18-wheelers stuck along Interstate 40 north of Little Rock. After the storm passed, tractor-trailer rigs tried to navigate through the damage as gawkers captured cellphone photos of the destruction.

State troopers went vehicle to vehicle to check on motorists and found — with genuine surprise — that no one was killed. “About 30 vehicles — large trucks, sedans, pickup trucks — were going through there when the funnel cloud passed over,” said Bill Sadler, a spokesman for the Arkansas State Police.

At a news conference in the Philippines, President Barack Obama sent his condolences and promised the government would help in the recovery.

“Your country will be there to help you recover and rebuild as long as it takes,” Obama said.

Storm ratings for Sunday’s twisters were not immediately available. Before Sunday, the country had not had a tornado rated EF3 or higher since Nov. 17, a streak of 160 days, the fourth-longest on record.

‘Just looking at the damage, this (tornado) may be one of the strongest we have seen.’

Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe



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Tulips bloom in front of Capitol Hill in Washington as Congress returns from a two-week break.

Back for the bare minimum

Lawmakers return from vacation with a short to-do list

By Andrew Taylor
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress was to get back to work Monday after a two-week vacation, and it's looking like lawmakers will do the bare minimum.

Forget immigration, a tax overhaul, stiffer gun checks. They're all dead on arrival.

Raising the minimum wage or restoring lost unemployment benefits? Not going to happen. Forcing government approval of the Keystone XL pipeline? Veto bait.

The only things likely to become law in a Congress bitterly divided between House Republicans and the Democratic-led Senate are those that simply have to pass, such as a measure to avoid a government shutdown.

That's a short, short list.

It gets even shorter if you leave off things that can wait until a postelection lame-duck session.

Atop the list is a short-term spending bill to keep the government running past the Oct. 1 start of the new budget year. Votes on the bill aren't needed until September.

After stumbling into a politically costly partial government shutdown last fall, Republicans won't let it happen again, especially with an election just around the corner. This year's measure should be no problem.

Much more difficult, however, is the second main item of must-do business: finding more money for the Highway Trust Fund to keep road and bridge construction projects afloat. The fund is running critically low on cash. The administration says that could mean a slowdown in construction projects this summer and fall when lawmakers are back home asking voters to return them to Washington for another term. The current highway bill expires at the end of September.

"The number of (must-do) items is small," said GOP lobbyist Hazen Marshall, of the Nickles Group. "But the degree of difficulty, particularly for the highway bill, is very high."

Top lawmakers and the administration all say they want to pass a multiyear highway and transit funding bill. Most Capitol Hill watchers think a temporary extension of funding is far more likely. That's still complicated.

Lawmakers will have to agree on perhaps \$10 billion to \$15 billion in funding to cover expected trust fund shortfalls. Optimally, Congress would act before its August vacation.

Passing those two bills is probably all that has to happen before Election Day. Congress has taken care of must-do legislation to increase the debt limit and fix Medicare's flawed payment formula.

So what will Congress do for the next few months? Not much.

There will be efforts to get the troubled appropriations process back on track in the aftermath of last year's shutdown and modest follow-up budget bargain.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., has promised the head of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., a few weeks of floor time after last year's failure to pass a single appropriations bill through the Senate.

The House will try to pass as many of the 12 spending bills as it can, but measures funding implementation of the Affordable Care Act, the Internal Revenue Service and the Environmental Protection Agency are candidates to bog down.

In the Senate, Democrats scrambling to retain control of the chamber will stage votes to raise the minimum wage and help the middle class with rising costs for college and child care. Those are issues designed to appeal to voters in the midterm election.

There also will be a series of Senate debates on lower-profile legislation, such as bills by Sens. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, and Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., to promote energy efficiency, and legislation by Sens. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., and Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, to encourage public-private partnerships to boost innovation in manufacturing.

Minimum wage vote may be critical for Democrats

By Alan Fram
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Win or lose — and they'll probably lose — Democrats hope this week's Senate showdown over raising the federal minimum wage reaps them benefits in November's congressional elections.

Whether they'll get an Election Day payoff is uncertain.

In a Senate vote expected Wednesday, Republicans seem likely to block the Democratic measure, which would gradually raise today's \$7.25 hourly minimum, reaching \$10.10 as soon as 2016. Even if the bill, one of President Barack Obama's top priorities, somehow survives in the Senate, it stands little chance of even getting a vote in the GOP-run House.

Who would the proposal most directly affect? According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, women and young people make up disproportionate portions of the 3.3 million people who earned \$7.25 or less last year. Both groups traditionally skew Democratic, and the party would love to drive them to the polls in November as it battles to retain Senate control.

"It's a powerful values issue for middle-class voters," Democratic

pollster Geoffrey Garin said of the minimum wage push. "And it's a powerful motivator for voters in the Democratic base who are a focal point of Democratic efforts to turn out voters in the midterm elections."

For Senate Republicans, there is little political incentive to support the measure.

The increase is opposed by the GOP's business allies, and Republican lawmakers say boosting the minimum wage would drive up employers' costs. They've been buttressing that argument with a February study by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, which estimated the \$10.10 increase would eliminate around 500,000 jobs — though it also concluded that earnings would rise for at least 16.5 million low-paid workers.

Republican voters also give GOP lawmakers scant reason to back the increase. An Associated Press-GFK Poll in January found that while the public supports a minimum wage increase by 55 percent to 21 percent, Republicans oppose it by 39 percent to 32 percent. For tea party voters — who GOP senators hope will vote in large numbers this November — the gap is 43 percent against an increase and 28 percent for it.

Election ads all about women

Reid Wilson
The Washington Post

In her first campaign ad for the U.S. Senate, Michigan Republican Terril Lynn Land mimes no words. "Congressman Gary Peters and his buddies want you to think I'm waging a war on women," she starts. "Really? Think about that for a moment."

Land then pauses for several seconds, shakes her head disapprovingly and waits a few more seconds before going for the knockout. "As a woman," she says, "I might know a little bit more about women than Gary Peters."

In the early going in races across the country, Democrats and Republicans alike are airing campaign ads that are all about women — how well they know them, how well they have treated or would treat them, whether they care about issues women care about, even if they are one.

Land's ad comes in response to one paid for by the Senate Majority, which backs Democratic candidates.

"With Land, insurance companies will be able to deny you coverage when you get sick. Women's

access to preventive health care would be cut, while their costs would increase," the ad alleges.

In Colorado, Democratic Sen. Mark Udall used his first television spot to accuse his opponent of waging a campaign to ban birth control. In Alaska, Julie Sullivan, whose Republican husband, Dan Sullivan, is running for Senate, appears in an ad praising his record on prosecuting domestic abusers.

In one of the more notably negative ads this year, the Republican Governors Association slams South Carolina Democrat Vincent Sheheen, a trial lawyer who is taking on Gov. Nikki Haley, for defending "violent criminals who abused women." The ad goes on to say, "So next time Sheheen says he'll protect women from violent criminals, ask him, what about the ones who paid him?"

For Democrats, the approach aims to build on the success the party has had in recent elections casting Republicans as anywhere from insensitive on women's issues to misogynistic — what both sides have come to refer to as a "war on women."

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Search resumes for S. Korea ferry victims

JINDO, South Korea — Divers on Monday renewed their search for more than 100 bodies still trapped in a sunken ferry after weekend efforts were hindered by bad weather, strong currents and floating debris clogging the ship's rooms. Investigators, meanwhile, expanded a probe into how coast guard and other rescuers responded after learning the ferry was sinking.

Divers found only one body Sunday after a week that saw an increasing number of corpses pulled from the ship as divers made their way through its labyrinth of cabins, lounges and halls. The number of dead from the April 16 sinking is 188, with 114 people believed missing, though a government emergency task force has said the ship's passengers list could be inaccurate. Only 174 people survived, including 22 of the 29 crewmembers.

2 killed in attack on convoy fleeing in CAR

BANGUI, Central African Republic — A spokesman for peace-keeping forces says two people were killed in an attack on a convoy of more than 1,300 Muslims escaping violence in Central African Republic's capital.

Rwandan Maj. Patrick Fidodugingo said Monday that grenades were hurled at the convoy. He said at least two people died and six others were wounded.

Over the weekend, dozens of heavily armed Muslim rebels opened fire in a hospital in Boguila, in the northwest near the border with Chad, killing at least 16 people, including three local health workers for Doctors Without Borders, officials said Monday.

6 hurt as distressed man rams pedestrians

BEIJING — A man distressed by his divorce case intentionally rammed a car into electric scooters and pedestrians near a school in southeastern China on Monday, killing six people, including three children, according to police and state media.

Police subdued Lin Jianxin, 37, with a water gun when he threatened to set ablaze gasoline after his disabled vehicle halted in the village of Zhuangtuo in the southeastern province of Fujian, the government-controlled Southeast Express said.

S. Africans urged to vote; Mandela evoked

JOHANNESBURG — South Africa's president urged voters to head to the polls next week in the spirit of "democracy and freedom" as he unveiled a large bronze bust of the country's most famous anti-apartheid leader, Nelson Mandela, in front of Parliament on Monday.

"May the spirit of Madiba also inspire all South Africans as they vote yet again on the 7th of May," President Jacob Zuma said in Cape Town, referring to Mandela by his clan name and revealing a bronze sculpture.

South Africans are celebrating 20 years of democracy.

From The Associated Press



SEBASTIAN SCHEINER/AP

World War II veterans salute after laying a wreath during the annual Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremony at the Yad Vashem memorial in Jerusalem on Monday.

Young Jews march at former Nazi death camp in Poland

The Associated Press

OSWIECIM, Poland — Thousands of young Jews from Israel and around the world marched on Monday between the two parts of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Nazi German death camp in Poland in memory of Holocaust victims, notably some 430,000 Hungarian Jews who perished there.

The silent annual march began when the shofar, a ram's horn used for Jewish religious purposes, sounded by the former camp's notorious "Arbeit Macht Frei" ("Work Makes You

Free") gate.

With Israeli white and blue flags and dressed in blue rain jackets, the participants walked 2 miles from the gate to a memorial in Birkenau, to hear an address by Hungarian President Janos Ader in memory of the victims. They were accompanied by some survivors, Israeli Ambassador to Poland Zvi Rav-Ner, and by Polish youths.

In 1944, some 430,000 Jews were brought to the concentration camp by train from Hungary. Most were immediately put to death in the gas chambers, while the others shared

the fate of all of the camp's inmates: forced labor, hunger and disease that most often led to death.

During World War II, the Nazis killed some 1.1 million people at the camp, mostly Jews, but also Russians, Roma, Poles and other nationalities.

The march began in 1988 as a biennial event, but was soon staged yearly. So far, almost 200,000 Jewish youths have taken part in the march, according to the International March of the Living organizers, who intend it to be an element of education for new generations.

Lessons of Holocaust

Israeli leader fears repeat of history with Iran

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu opened the country's annual memorial day for the 6 million Jews killed in the Holocaust by issuing a stern warning Sunday to the world to learn the lessons of the past and prevent another Holocaust.

At the opening ceremony at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, Netanyahu linked the Nazi genocide to Iran's suspected drive to acquire nuclear bombs and its leaders' repeated references to the destruction of Israel and its denial of the Holocaust. Netanyahu said that just like before World War II, there were those in the world today who refused to face uncomfortable truths.

"In this place I have said many times that we must identify an existential threat in time and act against it in time and tonight I ask, 'Why in the years before the Holocaust did most of the world's leaders not see the danger ahead of time?'" he said.

"Has the world learned a lesson from the mistakes of the past? ... Iran calls for our destruction, it develops nuclear weapons."

Six million Jews were killed by German Nazis and their collaborators in the Holocaust.

On Monday morning, Israel came to a standstill as sirens wail for two minutes. Pedestrians stopped in their tracks, and cars and buses halted on the streets while drivers and passengers stood with their heads bowed.

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683 alleged Morsi supporters given death sentences

BY MAMDOUH THABET
AND MAGGIE MICHAEL
The Associated Press

MINYA, Egypt — A judge in Egypt on Monday sentenced to death 683 alleged supporters of the country's ousted Islamist president, including the Muslim Brotherhood's spiritual leader, the latest in mass trials that have drawn international condemnation and stunned rights groups.

The same judge also upheld the death penalty for 37 of 529 defendants sentenced in a similar case in March, though he commuted the rest of the sentences to life imprisonment.

Still, the 37 death sentences — which can be appealed in a higher court — remain an extraordinarily high number for Egypt, compared with the dramatic trial in the wake of the 1981 assassination of President Anwar Sadat, when only five people were sentenced to death and executed.

Among those convicted and

sentenced to death on Monday was Mohamed Badie, the Brotherhood's spiritual guide. If his sentence is confirmed, it would make him the most senior Brotherhood figure sentenced to death since one of the group's leading ideologues, Sayed Qutb, was sentenced and executed in 1966.

In announcing the 683 death sentences for violence and the killing of policemen, Judge Said Yousef on Monday also said he was referring his ruling to the Grand Mufti, the nation's top Islamic official — a requirement under Egyptian law, but one that is considered a formality. It does, however, give a window of opportunity for a judge to reverse an initial sentence.

Both Monday's and the March trial are linked to deadly riots that erupted in Minya and elsewhere in Egypt after security forces violently disbanded sit-ins held by Brotherhood supporters in Cairo last August. Three policemen and a civilian were killed



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An Egyptian woman wails as she holds a photo of her son after a judge sentenced to death hundreds of alleged supporters of former President Mohammed Morsi in Minya, Egypt, on Monday. The defendants in the mass trial were accused of violence and the killing of policemen in riots in August.

in those riots.

Hundreds were killed as part of a sweeping campaign against supporters of former President Mohammed Morsi, ousted by the military last July. The removal of Morsi — a year after he was

elected — came after millions demonstrated against his rule, demanding he step down for abuse of power.

After Monday's ruling, Sarah Leah Whitson, the executive director of Human Rights Watch's

Middle East and North Africa Division, said the defendants were not given the chance to properly defend themselves. The proceedings went on without the judge even verifying that the defendants were present, she said.

Assad declares candidacy in Syrian presidential election

BY ALBERT ADJ
AND DIAA HADJI
The Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — President Bashar Assad announced he will run for a new seven-year term in Syria's June elections, a vote that he is widely expected to win in the midst of a civil war that began as an uprising against his rule.

The Syrian opposition and its Western allies swiftly condemned Assad's long-expected decision. Anti-government activists bitterly recalled that it was the pres-

ident's refusal to leave power that ignited the Syrian conflict, which has killed more than 150,000 people and displaced more than one-third of the prewar population of 23 million since it began three years ago.

The government has presented the June 3 vote as the solution to the conflict: If the people choose Assad in the election, the fight should end; if Assad loses, then he will step aside.

But the president's opponents have rejected the notion that an election will reflect popular will.

Voting will be impossible in parts of the country under rebel control, and will be difficult in other areas where fighting rages. In government strongholds where balloting will be possible, there would be deep questions over the fairness of any vote.

Parliament Speaker Jihad Laham announced Assad's candidacy on state television. The statement was followed by blaring broadcasts of nationalistic music praising God. State TV also ran a brief biography of Assad, and quoted him as asking Syrians not

to resort to celebratory gunfire.

Assad, who has ruled the country since taking over from his late father in 2000, had long suggested he would seek another term in office, reflecting his determination to show he is the legitimate leader of Syria.

Six other presidential hopefuls have declared their candidacies, but analysts dismiss them as little more than stooges to provide a veneer of legitimacy.

"He is the seventh contender, but realistically he is the only contender," Hilal Khassan, a

political science professor at the American University of Beirut, said of Assad. "The others were part of the decoration process to give the impression that the Syrian presidential elections this time will be different."

But the elections won't be enough to heal a bitterly divided nation seeped in blood after three years of conflict.

"If he (Assad) had announced this at the beginning of the revolution, it would have saved all that blood that was shed," said activist Abu Akram al-Shami, speaking over Skype from Damascus.

Iraq: Security forces struggle to protect polls as nation turns out to vote

FROM FRONT PAGE

The nearly 80-year-old Talabani was seen sitting in a wheelchair smiling and waving his index finger, stained purple, flanked by relatives who were clapping. Few details have been released about the severity of Talabani's illness.

Authorities on Monday announced the closure of Iraq's air space, saying it will not reopen until after the polls close on Wednesday evening. Already, the government has decreed a weeklong national holiday to coincide with the elections, extending a previously announced three-day break. Such moves were common in past elections, chiefly to empty the streets and allow security forces faster access to attack sites.

A ban on vehicles will take effect on

Tuesday night in Baghdad and stay in force throughout election day on Wednesday, a precautionary measure used in past voting to guard against car bombings.

Security has been tight in Baghdad and much of the rest of the country amid concerns that Sunni militants blamed for a recent resurgence of sectarian violence could target polling stations.

At one central Baghdad polling station, policemen went through four ID checks and search stations before they could enter the building on Monday. Inside, police dogs were used to search for explosives. Some policemen came to cast votes dressed in civilian clothes to attract less attention.

Despite the stepped up security, militants managed to strike polling centers in Baghdad and a string of other cities.

One of the deadliest attacks took place in Tuz Khormato, a town about 130 miles north of Baghdad, where a suicide bomber blew himself up at a checkpoint leading to a polling center, killing six security personnel and wounding four, according to police Maj. Gen. Torkan Abdul-Rahman Yousef. Yousef added that another suicide bomber hit a checkpoint leading to a polling center in the nearby city of Kirkuk, killing six policemen and wounding seven. A civilian was killed and another wounded when a bomb went off on a nearby street, also in Kirkuk, he said.

Interior Ministry spokesman Saad Maan Ibrahim said another bomber struck a polling center in Baghdad's upscale Mansour district on the west bank of the Tigris, killing three soldiers and wounding four.

Another suicide bomber set off his explosive belt among a group of soldiers gathered at a checkpoint near a voting center in Baghdad's northern Azamiyah neighborhood, killing four of them and wounding 13, police and medical officials said.

In the town of Habhaniyah, 50 miles west of Baghdad, a bomb went off next to a group of policemen leaving a balloting center, killing one and wounding five, police said.

And in the northern city of Mosul, two suicide bombers on foot tried to attack a polling center, according to a police officer who was at the scene. The guards shot and killed one attacker as the second blew himself up outside the center in the southern Zeindan area, wounding five security personnel.

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OPINION

Wars make us safer – and richer

By IAN MORRIS

Norman Angell, the Paris editor of Britain's Daily Mail, was a man who expected to be listened to. Yet even he was astonished by the success of his book "The Great Illusion," in which he announced that war had put itself out of business. "The day for progress by force has passed," he explained. From now on, "it will be progress by ideas or not at all."

He wrote those words in 1910. One politician after another lined up to praise the book. Four years later, the same men started World War I. By 1918, they had killed 15 million people; by 1945, the death toll from two world wars had passed 100 million, and a nuclear arms race had begun. In 1983, U.S. war games suggested that all-out battle with the Soviet Union would kill a billion people — at the time, one human in five — in the first few weeks. And today, a century after the beginning of the Great War, civil war is raging in Syria, tanks are massing on Ukraine's borders and a fight against terrorism seems to have no end.

So yes, war is hell — but have you considered the alternatives? When looking upon the long run of history, it becomes clear that through 10,000 years of conflict, humanity has created larger, more organized societies that have greatly reduced the risk that their members will die violently. These better organized societies also have created the conditions for higher living standards and economic growth. War has not only made us safer but richer, too.

Thinkers have long grappled with the relationships among peace, war and strength. Thomas Hobbes wrote his case for strong government or, as he called it, the English Civil War raged around him in the 1640s. German sociologist Norbert Elias' two-volume treatise, "The Civilizing Process," published on the eve of World War II, argued that Europe had become a more peaceful place in the five centuries leading to his own day. The difference is that now we have the evidence to prove their case.

Take the long view

The world of the Stone Age was a rough place; 10,000 years ago, if someone used force to settle an argument, he or she faced few constraints. Killing was normally on a small scale, in homicides, vendettas and raids, but because populations were tiny, the steady drip of low-level killing took an appalling toll. By many estimates, 10 percent to 20 percent of all Stone Age humans died at the hands of other people.

That puts the past 100 years in perspective. Since 1914, we have endured world wars, genocides and government-sponsored famines, not to mention civil strife, riots and murders. Altogether, we have killed a staggering 100 million to 200 million of our own kind. But over the century, about 10 billion lives were lived — which means that just 1 percent to 2 percent of the world's population died violently. Those lucky enough to be born in the 20th century were on average 10 times less likely to come to a grisly end than those born in the Stone Age. And since 2000, the United Nations tells us, the risk of violent death has fallen even further, to 0.7 percent.

As this process unfolded, humanity prospered. Ten thousand years ago, when the planet's population was 6 million or so, people lived about 30 years on average and supported themselves on the equivalent income of about \$2 per day. Now, more than 7 billion people are on Earth, living more than twice as long (an average of 67 years) and with an average income of \$25 per day.

That happened because about 10,000 years ago, the winners of wars began incorporating the losers into larger societies. The victors found that the only way to make these larger societies work was by develop-



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Troops in a landing craft approach Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

ing stronger governments; and one of the first things these governments had to do, if they wanted to stay in power, was suppress violence among their subjects.

The men who ran these governments were no saints. They cracked down on killing not out of the goodness of their hearts but because well-behaved subjects were easier to govern and tax than angry, murderous ones. The unintended consequence, though, was that they kick-started the process through which rates of violent death plummeted between the Stone Age and the 20th century.

This process was brutal. Whether it was the Romans in Britain or the British in India, pacification could be just as bloody as the savagery it stamped out. Yet despite the Hitlers, Stalins and Maos, over 10,000 years, war made states, and states made peace.

The only force strong enough

War may well be the worst way imaginable to create larger, more peaceful societies, but the depressing fact is that it is pretty much the only way. If only the Roman Empire could have been created without killing millions of Gauls and Greeks, if the United States could have been built without killing millions of Native Americans, if these and countless conflicts could have been resolved by discussion instead of force. But this did not happen. People almost never give up their freedoms — including, at times, the right to kill and impoverish one another — unless forced to do so; and virtually the only force strong enough to bring this about has been defeat in war or fear that such a defeat is imminent.

By the 1940s, some of the politicians who had so admired Angell's "Great Illusion" had concluded that war was no longer the worst of their options. The violence they unleashed bankrupted Britain and threw the world into chaos. Not until 1989 did the wars and almost-wars finally end, when the Soviet collapse left the United States as a much more powerful policeman than Britain had ever been.

Like its predecessor, the United States oversaw a huge expansion of trade, intimi-

dated other countries into not making wars that would disturb the world order and drove rates of violent death even lower. But again like Britain, America made its money by helping trading partners become richer — above all China, which since 2000 has looked increasingly like a potential rival.

The cycle that Britain experienced may be in store for the United States as well, unless Washington embraces its role as the only possible globocop in an increasingly unstable world — a world with far deadlier weapons than Britain could have imagined a century ago.

American attitudes toward government are, therefore, not just some Beltway debate; they matter to everyone on Earth. "Government," Ronald Reagan assured Americans in his first inaugural address, "is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem." Reagan's great fear — that bloated government would stifle individual freedom — shows just how far the continuing debates over the merits of big and small government have taken us from the horrors that worried Hobbes.

"The 10 most dangerous words in the English language," Reagan said on another occasion, "are 'Hi, I'm from the government, and I'm here to help.'" As Hobbes could have told him, in reality the 10 scariest words are, "There is no government, and I'm here to kill you."

To people in virtually any age before our own, the extremely small government and no government at all. Extremely small government meant there was at least some law and order; no government meant that there was not.

I suspect even Reagan would have agreed. "One legislator accused me of having a 19th-century attitude on law and order," Reagan said when he was governor of California. "That is a totally false charge. I have an 18th-century attitude. That is when the Founding Fathers made it clear that the safety of law-abiding citizens should be one of the government's primary concerns."

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OPINION

Could new housing bubble be on the way?

BY EDWARD J. PINTO
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Even though the recent financial crisis is barely in the rearview mirror, risk is starting to build once again in both the U.S. mortgage and housing markets.

Contrary to the prevailing view that only borrowers with pristine credit records can get a mortgage these days, many risky loans are still being made. A new index published by the International Center on Housing Risk at the American Enterprise Institute measures that risk month by month, based on about three-quarters of all home-purchase loans extended across the country. The index clearly shows that many of today's mortgages would not perform well under stressful conditions. That conclusion holds for the nation as a whole and for nearly every state individually, California included.

Here's why. In recent months, fully half of all the home loans covered by the risk index had a down payment of 5 percent or less. With so little money down, those borrowers would be underwater with only a modest decline in housing prices. In addition, for nearly half of the recent loans, borrowers' monthly payments on their mortgage and other debt exceeded 38 percent of their pretax income, the traditional threshold for acceptable payment burdens. Such borrowers could find it difficult to make their monthly pay-

ments if they came under even moderate economic stress, such as a temporary layoff or a reduction in work hours.

The Federal Housing Administration is the prime source of this risk. It now guarantees more than a quarter of the newly originated home loans, and it does so with little regard for risk. Under the banner of expanding homeownership, the FHA provides risky loans to households that often lack the resources to make the payments if anything goes wrong.

Home prices are also rising at an unsustainable pace. For the nation as a whole, prices increased 11 percent last year, according to the S&P Case-Shiller index. The jump was even larger in the major California markets: 21 percent in Los Angeles, 23 percent in San Francisco and 19 percent in San Diego.

The Fed's easy monetary policy, which has kept mortgage rates very low, has been a key factor behind the rise in house prices. Another factor has been strong investor demand for distressed properties. At the same time, the supply of available homes has been limited. Housing starts, while up from their lowest point, remain well below normal, in part because builders shed capacity during and after the recession. Reflecting those factors, house prices in the hotter markets around the country may already be above the levels warranted by household income, rents and



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A house is ready for sale April 3 in Phoenix, once an epicenter of the national housing crisis.

other economic conditions.

Does that mean we are likely to see another housing bubble? That's hard to say. Nonetheless, the risk of a price overshoot of some magnitude is especially high in California. According to Fitch Ratings homes in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland and San Diego are overvalued by 20 percent or more. Other analysts see California markets as fully valued rather than overvalued. But even if that is correct, it is worth noting that historically, many areas of California have had extremely volatile home prices.

Given that risk is rising, how should a prospective California home buyer decide whether to

jump into the market? Start by comparing the price of a home you are considering with what it would cost to rent. Go to Zillow.com look up the home's "Rent Zestimate," and then divide the annual rent estimate by the home price to calculate the home's gross yield.

For example, a \$500,000 home with a rent estimate of \$3,000 a month (\$36,000 a year), would have a yield of 7.2 percent before accounting for maintenance, utilities, taxes and other costs of homeownership. As a rough rule of thumb, a yield of 8 percent or more means the home is a relative bargain, while a yield below 5 percent means the home is likely

overpriced. For yields between 5 percent and 8 percent, the rule of thumb doesn't produce a clear conclusion about valuation. In that situation, a buyer should plan to stay in the home for at least five years to spread the costs of buying and selling the house over a longer period, which will reduce the odds of losing money on the purchase.

For a more in-depth analysis, try using an online calculator that assesses the merits of buying versus renting, such as the New York Times' buy-rent calculator.

Even if a house appears to be a good deal, the more important question is whether it's something you can comfortably afford. To gauge whether the mortgage you would be taking on is affordable, you can go to the Table of Risk at HousingRisk.org. The table estimates the risk of defaulting on the mortgage in a severe real estate correction.

With house prices already up substantially from their lows, today's home buyers need to pay close attention to risk. Prospective buyers can protect themselves by using newly available tools to analyze local market conditions, and by realistically assessing their own financial situations before making such an important decision.

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Watching the Boston bombing from Walter Reed

BY ADELE LEVINE

When the Boston Marathon was bombed last year, we had the TV on in the amputee clinic at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. We rarely turned on the TV, but we had done so this day because a group of our patients were at the marathon, competing in wheelchairs and handcycles.

Initially, by the yelling and commotion, I thought there had been an altercation at the facility. Everyone was rushing somewhere. A group of patients immediately got into their wheelchairs and left the room. I stood in the middle of the emptying clinic and wondered what was going on.

Suddenly a patient who had lost both of his legs after stepping on a bomb in Afghanistan snapped me out of my confusion. "A bomb went off on TV!" he yelled at me.

When I didn't react, he yelled again, "Shut the [expletive] TV off!"

Worked as a physical therapist at Walter Reed for nine years, seven of them in the amputee section. While I was there, the injuries steadily got worse. In 2011, the year our original hospital at Walter Reed Army Medical Center closed, we were seeing 150 amputees a day and our incoming medevac flights regularly contained patients who had lost three limbs. By 2013, we had rehabilitated five men who had lost all four limbs.

What Boston suddenly had to deal with, we dealt with every day at Walter Reed.

When I first started working there, I swore I'd stay for only a year. The hours were terrible. There was no parking. And the stress was incredible. "I'm going to

leave soon" was my mantra to my friends. But slowly I began seeing my friends less and less and my co-workers more and more. And time slipped by.

In 2005, I was a young physical therapist. I had a baby face, liked to stay out late and could fit all my possessions into the trunk of my car. I had gone to PT school because I wanted a job with good hours, and I sent my resume to Walter Reed because I wanted a short commute. So the joke was really on me, because the hours at Walter Reed were not good and, once I'd lost my apartment, neither was the commute. But, nonetheless, I was genuinely unprepared for what I was getting myself into.

Gunshot wounds, traumatic brain injuries, mangled legs, missing eyes and lost flesh quickly became my new normal. And because I spent 10 hours a day in a place where everyone also had amputations, in my dreams, everyone was an amputee — even I.

By 2007, our clinic at Walter Reed Army Medical Center had become so crowded that even though we were scheduled to close in four years, they built us a new facility. In the new building, the rehab gym was glassed in, like an aquarium, and several times a day, groups of patients shuffled by on the other side of the glass.

Under the gaping eyes of the tour groups, my co-workers, our patients and I all joked and laughed, because what was an amputation at Walter Reed but something to tease each other about? Our soldiers and Marines regularly referred to each other as "Ugly Stump" and made fun of each other for being a "princess" if they admitted to

any pain. Patients with below-the-knee amputations were made fun of by those whose legs were amputated at mid-thigh as having "paper cuts." Arm amputees had the ultimate bad joke: "Can someone just give me a hand?"

One day, we watched from inside the glass as a young couple came striding down the hallway toward us, pushing an old-fashioned baby carriage. They came around the perimeter of the aquarium and then inside, yanking back the sunshade and wriggling blanket to reveal eight puppies.

As the years went by, we adjusted to life under glass. One co-worker started baking cakes for each of the patients on their birthday. Hundreds of cakes — so many cakes that he ended up having to buy a new oven. Another co-worker disappeared into the delivery room twice, with two of the pregnant wives. She held their hands while they delivered in lieu of a husband who was still unconscious in the intensive care unit.

A common refrain heard in our ICU was the phrase, "You are OK. You are at Walter Reed, and you are OK." But how OK were they, really? After the marathon bombing, our patients discussed the new victims, concern wrinkling their faces, and then had a question for the staff: "When are they going to get here?"

When the bombs went off in Boston, our busiest days were behind us. Our old hospital had been shut down. And my co-workers, our patients and I had been swept out of our bowl and transported down the road to the National Naval Medical Center 7 miles away.

There, the medevac flights slowed down

until they rarely came. Our new clinic was practically empty. No incoming patients to agonize over. No tour groups. Just us and our remaining patients. After years of treating hundreds of combat amputees, it was hard to turn off that kind of adrenaline. We were used to being out-of-control busy. What kept us going through those days was knowing that it was temporary. It was going to end sometime.

Finally, the wars wound down. It was what we wanted all along, but instead of being glad, we panicked. We didn't know how to not be busy.

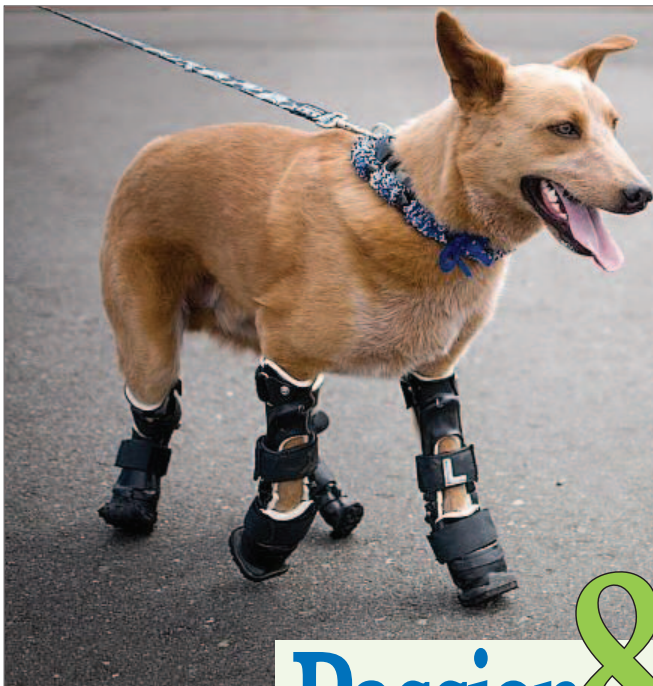
But, slowly, we began to accept our new reality. We enjoyed our time with the remaining patients, and we began to look at life on the outside.

Even I had grown up. Somehow, in the midst of the chaos of my days, my nights were calm. I had settled down. I had a long-term partner, a house and two small children. When each of them was born, I marveled at their perfect legs.

And now it was time for me to leave. There is a job opening at a new hospital down the road from me. It promises good hours and an easy commute, but in the window of my heart, I know I'll never forget the hospital I came from. I was acutely aware of it on the anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombings, remembering the highs and the lows, and how small joys like puppies sneaked into a hospital clinic, can briefly eclipse everything around you.

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NATION



OrthoPETS/AP
Naki'o, above and left, was the first dog to receive four prosthetic limbs.

By SUE MANNING
The Associated Press

A 9-month-old boxer pup named Duncan barreled down a beach in Oregon, running full tilt on soft sand into YouTube history and showing more than 4 million viewers that he can revel in a good romp despite lacking back legs.

"It's a heartwarming, wonderful thing to see," said Dr. Bonnie Beaver, a professor at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine and executive director of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists. "These animals generally look to us as if they are very happy. We don't know that they are, but they are excited and jumping around and doing things that are wonderful to watch."

More veterinarians are using wheelchairs, orthotics and prosthetics to improve the lives of dogs that have lost limbs to deformity, infection or accident, experts say. The move is driven by persistent pet owners who embrace their animals as family and aren't deterred by the cost and commitment of outfitting disabled dogs with the devices. At the same time, there have been great strides in technology to keep up with U.S. soldiers returning wounded from war, and veterinarians have adapted the materials and know-how for the rising demand from clients.

"There are so many things we can do to solve mechanical problems. ... If you have broken parts, we can replace them," said Martin Kaufmann, co-owner of Veterinary Orthotics and Prosthetics in Denver, also known as OrthoPETS, which helps about 2,000 animals a year.

Most devices range from \$150 to \$2,000 but can cost more, Kaufmann said.

Besides commercial manufacturers, there are likely thousands of backyard builders who have created carts, slings or

Passion & pawsabilities

Veterinarians are turning to prosthetics to help legless dogs

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other devices to help their pets get around.

The number of pets using artificial limbs will never be huge, Beaver said. It takes a dedicated person willing to take the prostheses on and off, clean it and teach the animal to use it. It will likely mean a lifestyle choice for pet owners.

With the time and cost required, many wonder why people spend time on disabled

animals when there are so many healthy dogs and cats awaiting homes. The answer, Beaver said, is "some people want to."

No one knows that better than Duncan's owners, Amanda Giese and Gary Walters, co-founders of Panda Paws Rescue for special needs and hospice dogs in Vancouver, Wash.. Of the 3,500 dogs they have placed in the last 19 months, 10 were two-legged.

Nine of them adapted to wheelchairs and found homes.

Only 19-pound Duncan, whose deformed back legs were amputated, refused to take to wheels. Prosthetic legs aren't an option for him because there are no partial limbs strong enough to attach them to.

The couple often carry Duncan to ease the pressure on his front legs.

"We have his prosthetics," Giese said.

There have been successes even in challenging cases, Kaufmann said. Orthopets helped mixed-breed puppy Naki'o after his four legs and tail were frozen in ice. What Frostbite didn't do, a surgeon did, amputating all four legs. Then, Kaufmann outfitted him with four prostheses.

"To see Naki'o at the beginning, he was protective and guarded," he said. "Six months after all this was done, he was just a fun-loving guy who likes to socialize."

Now, Naki'o lives with the Nebraska couple that found him.

Another dog teaches kids what it means to be different. The Labrador-golden retriever mix named Pirelli was destined to be a service dog at Canine Assistants, a training school in Atlanta, but one back paw never developed.

Pirelli uses a prosthetic limb, and with it is a "happy, expressive dog, able to run and play, retrieve things and eat his food," said Dudley Arnold, Pirelli's handler.

Together, they have visited about 80 schools.

"The goal was to help kids understand that just because your body doesn't work, doesn't mean you aren't a good person inside," Arnold said.

The rarity of dogs missing limbs varies. Three-legged pooches aren't too uncommon and often make it through life without help. But a dog shouldn't have to do fine on three legs when it can thrive pain-free with a prosthesis, Kaufmann said.

SHIFTING GEARS

Q&A: Chrysler's Gilles aims to bring sexy back

By SUSAN CARPENTER

The Orange County (Calif.) Register

Modern car design is a difficult balancing act that weighs style against substance; price versus performance; safety, fuel efficiency and other government regulations in vehicles that too often fail to inspire.

Ralph Gilles has tasked himself with bringing the sexy back to Chrysler. Responsible for two of the company's most eye-catching modern vehicles — the brutishly elegant 300 sedan and sleeky Viper super car — the 44-year-old senior vice president of design for the Detroit automaker is turning his eye to more organic, alluring shapes.

The Orange County Register caught up with Gilles while he was in Irvine, Calif., last month to chat about the future of Chrysler design.

In your opinion, what's the sexiest car ever made?

The convertible E-Type Jag. What, in your opinion, is the sexiest Chrysler ever made?

Very tough question. I think the modern SRT Viper is the epitome of sexy. That was our goal. However, I feel strange drawing from my era. I love the Chrysler 74 Falcon Concept. I have a huge sweet spot in my heart for the beautiful '68, '69, '70 Dodge Charger.

You use some of the real estate in your Twitter bio to say, "Love how cool cars bring great people together." Why is that important?

It's the idea that a vehicle makes you have something in common. You could have been a geek in school or a football star, but if you own a car, it belongs to a club. As a designer, it's horrifying to think of a car as an appliance. That's the No. 1 most sickening thought to me.

You oversaw the redesign of the Chrysler 200 sedan, which will have a far more elegant profile than the outgoing model when it goes on sale later this month. What were your design goals?

It was the company's goal, not just mine, to create an absolutely legitimate vehicle in the segment. We've always been chasers. The 200 has feature content second to no one in terms of safety and creature comfort, so it was taking all that and wrapping it in an exterior that looked more expensive than it was. The interior was inspired by the Eames chair, which is beautifully simple and still looks good to this day. We want the interior to be something that looks good for 10 to 15 years. Finally, we designed it with America in mind. I know that sounds pat, but that's what we know we represent this country's competencies, so if we're going to campaign that we're from Detroit, we want to make sure it's good stuff.

Is the exterior or interior design of a car more important?

That's tough. Pushed to the absolute, the interior, believe it or not. The exterior can't



Chrysler

Ralph Gilles is senior vice president of product design for Chrysler and president and CEO of SRT Brand & Motorsports.

be bad. It has to be competent and handsome, but the interior is where you spend all your time. The exterior is the conversation starter. The interior is the deal closer.

Now that Chrysler is fully owned by Fiat, how is Italy influencing the Chrysler lineup in the U.S.?

Just because we consummated the relationship recently, people forget we've been dating 4½ years. We've been together a long time and have come to know each other very well. We're very like-minded and having a blast.

There's a lot of Internet chatter about certain Fiat models coming to the U.S. Will the crossover version of the 500, the 500X, make its way stateside?

I can't talk about that. Will the Lancia Ypsilon hatchback come to the U.S. as a Fiat product?

I can't talk about it.

I think I already know the answer, but how about the Fiat Doblo compact van?

I can't talk about it.

But you can talk about the Jeep Renegade introduced last month in Geneva.

It's very exciting. The Jeep Renegade is a love child of the two companies — engineered in Italy but built in the U.S. In terms of design, the vehicle was meant to really create a new DNA strain of the smallest Jeep we've ever worked on. It was a challenge, because we have these expansively huge interiors usually. We had to have a great conversation with our friends in Italy about how to package a small car. It was meant to have an immediate nostalgic effect but also be extremely modern.

That always seems difficult — progressing an iconic design so it resonates with

multiple generations.

Men and women have been attracted to each other for hundreds of thousands of years. There are paradigms in the human mind that make certain things happen. I'm a big believer in organic design. Look at Viper, 200 — they're shapes that look like they grew the way they are. They aren't necessarily mechanical. You contemplate a mechanical object; you don't just after it. A car is a limiting box. Trying to give a vehicle personality, it's in the details. It's an unexpected flick, a negative section on the door handle of 200. It's a very difficult time to be a designer with federal regulations, safety requirements and mass production challenges, but at every turn there's new technology. We love the challenge.

In addition to heading design, you're also CEO of Chrysler's performance-oriented SRT brand, responsible for the Viper. How do you see SRT evolving over the next several years?

We're living in a great heyday. Technology has enabled some incredible horsepower and efficiencies. I always look at the ultra-ultra-car world — the Formula 1 race cars, that tech, and you see a lot of dual, triple powertrains mixing hybrid, electric, gas or diesel to make something pretty exciting. At the same time, if you go back to the '70s during the OPEC era, everyone thought the muscle car was dead, and if anything, it's come back stronger several times. There's always going to be thrill seekers who love the visceral sense of driving a car. We'll try to cater to them as long as we can with relevant product.

When I was driving the SRT Viper last year, I received more attention than I ever have in a car. Why don't you market it to women?

Our head of marketing is a woman, and she's asked me the exact same question. I'm like, "Have at it." I don't know if it's a sex thing or a mind-set thing. Women love the way the car looks, the way it sounds, and they love the attention. They drive the car, and they feel like Kim Kardashian. The person who owns the most Vipers in the world is a woman in Texas. She owns 64 of them. Everybody likes a Viper. It has nothing to do with being a knuckle-dragger man.

What inspires you as a designer?

I just came from the beautiful Amelia Island (Fla.) car show and I still find myself in awe of the designers that came before me. The vehicles they were doing in the '30s, '40s and '50s were just unbelievable. If you look at car designs, they tend to be a reflection of their era. Most Americans now want efficient, larger or medium-size cars, so it's an ebb and flow of the forces of our times pushing on the industry and our instinct to want to be different. It's pop culture mixed with challenges that we face mixed with an inner desire to compete.

Gilles oversaw the redesign of the 200 sedan, which he and Chrysler hope will make a splash in the crowded mid-size market when it goes on sale in June.

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Baby crawls across busy street, is rescued

UT BRIGHAM CITY — Police said a baby found crawling across a busy four-lane street in the U.S. after his 7-year-old sister took him out of his crib is safely back home.

The driver who rescued the 1-year-old boy Friday evening returned him to his mother and called police in Brigham City.

The unidentified mother told police she was resting and had put the infant into a crib to sleep.

Police said her daughter took the baby out to play, and he somehow got out of the backyard.

They said the baby crawled less than a block when he was found in the lane closest to the sidewalk.

Police said charges are unlikely, but the case has been turned over to the Division of Child and Family Services.

Man accused of impersonating officer

MD ANNAPOLIS — Police in Annapolis arrested a man they say impersonated a police officer.

Police said they arrested Kevin Hall, 47, of Annapolis, on Friday after he displayed a badge and tried to get a female driver to pull over.

Police said that Hall was driving a white van and the woman was driving in another vehicle on Forest Drive when a minor traffic accident happened. Police said Hall started following the woman and when both vehicles were stopped, he got out, displayed a badge and tried to get the woman to pull over.

Police charged Hall with three counts related to impersonating an officer. He is being held on \$110,000 bail.

Teen's arm severed in eatery's pasta machine

NY MASSENA — A teenage employee at an Italian restaurant in northern New York severed his arm while cleaning a pasta machine.

A spokeswoman for Massachusetts General Hospital said Brett Bouchard, 17, was listed in serious condition.

He was flown there after the accident Thursday night at Viol's Restaurant in Massena on the Canadian border.

Restaurant manager Mia Violi said that Bouchard was cleaning the pasta machine when his right arm got caught and severed at the elbow. She said employees are trying to figure out how the machine got activated while he was cleaning it.

It's not yet clear whether the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration will investigate the accident.

Sheriff investigating 'swatting' call

SD WARD — Law enforcement authorities in eastern South Dakota are investigating a hoax emergency call that resulted in almost two dozen officers being dispatched

THE CENSUS

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The price fetched at auction by a \$10 gold coin among a seven-piece collection of Mormon coins made in 1849 that brought in nearly \$2 million at the auction staged by Dallas-based Heritage Auctions. Only 46 of the \$10 gold coins were made, and just a few are still around. A \$20 gold coin from the collection sold for \$558,000.



JAKE MAY, THE FLINT (MICH.) JOURNAL/AP

A changing world

Melissa Healey, bottom left, and Carley Pettey, center, raise cloth diapers Saturday as they wait for the signal to change their babies' diapers during the fourth annual Great Cloth Diaper Change at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Grand Blanc, Mich. Participants were trying to break the world record for the most number of cloth diapers changed simultaneously worldwide.

to a home.

A caller claiming to be a 16-year-old boy from Ward told emergency operators in Moody County that he had shot one of his parents, had three family members held hostage and had rigged the house with a bomb that would explode if the doors were opened. Sheriff Troy Wellman said officers found the call was a hoax when they responded to the scene.

KSFY-TV reported the call was part of a phenomenon called "swatting" that is being used by video gamers in a twisted competition where their success is based on the level of response by law enforcement authorities.

Zoo welcomes influx of rare, exotic animals

CA LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles, already one of the nation's most diverse cities, is welcoming a new influx of immigrants, some of them rarely seen in Southern California before.

Dwarf caimans, a giant bird-eating spider and a pair of endangered primates called cotton-top tamarins have been taking up residence at the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens in recent weeks.

They and numerous other rare species from Mexico and Central and South America are part of the zoo's new Rainforest of Americas exhibit, which opens to the public Tuesday.

"Some of these species are unique in the animal kingdom, as well as in zoological facilities," said the zoo's director, John Lewis. "We can't wait to get visitors as excited as we are about them and in preserving their habitat in Mexico, Central and South America."

Lawyer: New bride shot niece by accident

PA NEW BRIGHTON — The lawyer for a Pennsylvania bride accused of killing her niece after the wedding says the fatal shooting was an accident.

The lawyer said Saturday that newlywed Christine George-Harvan, 30, is "obviously completely distraught."

Police said George-Harvan, of Conway, shot Katelyn Francis, 21, on Thursday as they left a bar in New Brighton, about 30 miles north of Pittsburgh. The wedding was held earlier that day.

Police said they were arguing about who would be the designat-

ed driver when the bride grabbed a gun from her husband's truck and shot Francis, of Fairmont, W.Va.

Lawyer J. Lauson Cashdollar said George-Harvan simply tried to move the gun when it went off. She's charged with homicide and is being held without bail.

No sale for signed Beatles item at auction

NY NEW YORK — A large piece of stage backdrop signed by the Beatles during their first live U.S. concert 50 years ago failed to sell at a New York City auction.

Heritage Auctions spokesman Noah Fleisher said Saturday that the company now will try to privately broker the \$800,000 plastic wall section the Fab Four photographed on Feb. 9, 1964.

Other memorabilia items from The Beatles' historic appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show" were bought by a high-end collector who asked not to be named.

Those included a signed "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" original fan club poster for \$59,375 and a "Beatles Meet the Beatles!" signed stereo LP for \$56,250.

Autographs from The Beatles,

Ed Sullivan and Brian Epstein from the 1964 performance sold for \$125,000.

Firm seeks return of seized Yankees caps

FL MIAMI — A South Florida cap company is suing the federal government over the seizure by customs agents of a shipment of New York Yankees headgear authorities say are counterfeit.

American Cap Exchange of Miami says the 3,200 Yankees caps are not counterfeit but vintage, never-worn caps that were legally purchased from a German company.

The 20-year-old caps were seized last August by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, an agency of the Homeland Security Department.

The lawsuit filed last week in Miami federal court says American Cap petitioned the department for return of the headwear, but that was denied in March.

The lawsuit asks a judge to order return of the Yankees caps, noting that the company has suffered financial hardship because of their loss.

From wire reports

FACES

'Begin Again' a film of firsts for stars

By ALICIA RANCILO
The Associated Press

For Keira Knightley and Adam Levine, their movie "Begin Again" was an experience of firsts. Knightley, an accomplished actress, sings in the movie, whereas Levine, frontman of the band Maroon 5, acts.

The two admitted that leaving their comfort zones made them uneasy but that they related to each other's nerves.

"I kept telling her she was great and she wouldn't believe me, and she told me that I wasn't bad at acting either but I didn't believe her, so it was perfect," Levine said April 26 as the film closed the Tribeca Film Festival.

"I was completely terrified," Knightley, 29, emphasized of her singing.

"I didn't anticipate being as frightened as I was. I said yes to doing it and I was, 'Oh, it's gonna

be fine, it's gonna be fine,' and then suddenly I found myself in a studio with real people who did it for a living and I was like, 'I don't know what I'm doing. I'm pretending.'"

Levine says he enjoyed the experience so much he might have caught the acting bug.

"My experience was so much fun," he said. "It made me kind of start to like it a little bit, but I don't know."

So how did the two grade each other?

Knightley called Levine a "natural entertainer" who was "sensational in this film."

Levine, who serves as a judge and mentor on the singing competition show "The Voice," said that if Knightley were to audition he would want her on his team.

"Begin Again" also stars Mark Ruffalo, Hailee Steinfeld and Catherine Keener. The movie opens stateside in July.

"Begin Again" stars Keira Knightley and Adam Levine say they both left their comfort zones for the film in which Knightley sings. Levine is best known for fronting the band Maroon 5.

EVAN AGOSTINI, INVISION/AP



Menzel, Danes, Iman honored for charity work

The Associated Press

Variety magazine feted Idina Menzel, Iman, Claire Danes and others April 25 for their "Power of Women: New York" issue — not for how much power they have, but how they wield it for good.

The women, along with Sarah Jessica Parker, Susan Sarandon and A&E President and CEO Nancy Dubac, were honored for their charitable work at a luncheon in Manhattan.

Sarandon was given an award for her support of the group Hope North, which provides an education for Ugandan children of war. "It feels really good to know you have done something," she said.

The ceremony was sometimes emotional, as the women talked about why they were moved to get involved. Iman, who works with the Dr. Hawa Abdi Foundation in her native Somalia, talked about how Abdi has helped provide medical attention, clean water and other basic necessities.

Danes was honored for the work she does with the charity Afghan Hands, a literacy program for Afghan women; Dubac for her work with Project Rubicon/The Mission Continues, which aids military veterans; and Parker for her advocacy for the New York City Ballet.

Menzel was cited for her own foundation, A BroaderWay, which assists underprivileged young girls from urban communities.

'The Other Woman' takes down 'Captain America'

The Associated Press

A femme-fueled comedy beat a superhero blockbuster at the box office over the weekend.

After holding the top position for three weeks, "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" has been topped by "The Other Woman" for the No. 1 spot.

The PG-13-rated revenge comedy, starring Cameron Diaz, Leslie Mann and Kate Upton, debuted with \$24.7 million, while "Captain America," led by Chris Evans, grossed \$16 million in its fourth weekend, bringing its domestic total to \$225 million.

Hollywood hasn't yet seen a comedy do especially well at the box office in 2014 since "Ride Along" was released in January. Wes Anderson's "The Grand Budapest Hotel" exceeded expectations, however, making more than \$131 million worldwide.

"Captain America" has now hit more than \$645 million globally, surpassing its 2011 original "The First Avenger," which earned \$370 million. The sequel is the most lucrative April release ever.

The faith-based "Heaven Is for Real," starring Greg Kinnear, held the third-place position with \$13.8 million. The animated "Rio 2" drifted down to fourth place with \$13.7 million.

The action crime drama "Brick Mansions," starring the late Paul Walker, was No. 5 with \$9.6 million. The film was one of the last Walkers completed before he died in a car accident in November.



20TH CENTURY FOX/AP
Cameron Diaz plays one of three women who bond over a cheating man in "The Other Woman."

British PR man found guilty of assaults

Max Clifford, once one of the most powerful figures in the British entertainment world, was found guilty Monday of eight counts of indecent assault stemming from attacks on teenagers dating back more than 40 years.

He was known as a confidante of the stars and counted on by many celebrities to manage their careers during times of crisis. He represented TV mogul Simon Cowell and advised countless others on public relations strategy and damage control.

Prosecutors charged in London's Southwark Crown Court that he lured young girls into sex by offering them acting roles.

A jury also cleared Clifford, 71, of two counts of indecent assault and was unable to reach a deci-

sion on another count after more than a week of deliberations. He will be sentenced Friday.

Beyonce, Jay Z to co-headline tour

Beyonce and husband Jay Z will launch the co-headlining "On the Run Tour" on June 25 in Miami.

Beyonce made the announcement Monday. The stadium tour will visit Philadelphia; East Rutherford, N.J.; Chicago; and Los Angeles. It wraps Aug. 5 in San Francisco.

Beyonce and Jay Z have collaborated on a number of songs, including the hits "Crazy In Love," "Bonnie & Clyde," "Deja Vu," "Part II (On the Run)" and the recent smash "Drunk In Love."

Actor leaving 'Scandal' amid legal woes

Actor Columbus Short says he's leaving the political television thriller "Scandal" after three seasons because of legal troubles.

The announcement comes amid two pending criminal cases, one accusing him of misdemeanor spousal battery and another accusing him of felony battery that seriously injured a man during an altercation at a restaurant in March. If convicted, Short faces up to four years in state prison.

Short played attorney Harrison Wright on the hit series starring Kerry Washington. His character was last seen in grave jeopardy in the season finale.

Other news

■ Filling one of the biggest gaps in the e-library, "To Kill a Mockingbird" will become available as an e-book and digital audiobook on July 8, HarperCollins Publishers announced Monday. Author Harper Lee, in a rare public statement, cited a "new generation" of fans in agreeing to the downloadable editions of her Pulitzer Prize-winning classic.

■ Mark Burnett and Roma Downey will produce a new version of the historical epic "Ben-Hur." The film is set for release in February 2016.

■ Surveillance footage from Justin Bieber's home appears to show the pop star high-fiving friends and celebrating after throwing eggs at a neighbor's home in Calabasas, Calif., in January, an investigator's affidavit released April 26 shows. Prosecutors have not yet decided whether to charge Bieber in the incident.

■ Matthew Lombardo, the playwright of Valerie Harper's Broadway show "Looped," is suing the actress for \$2 million, claiming she didn't disclose she had cancer until after she signed on to star in the play. The lawsuit was a counterclaim to one Harper filed demanding she be paid after she left for health reasons.

■ Rashad Harden, a house music and footwork pioneer who performed as DJ Rashad, was found dead April 26 of an apparent drug overdose, Chicago authorities said Sunday. He was 34.



AP
"Sopranos" actor Lillo Brancato Jr., shown in 2005, says he's trying to help others avoid making drug-fueled mistakes.

Paroled 'Sopranos' actor discusses drug addiction

Former "Sopranos" actor Lillo Brancato Jr. says after spending about eight years in prison in New York, he's trying to help young people avoid making the mistakes he did.

Brancato was paroled in December after serving time for his role in a 2005 Bronx burglary during which an off-duty police officer was killed.

The 37-year-old says he's reaching out to young people to discuss the drug addiction that led him to squander opportunities. Brancato got his break in the 1993 film "A Bronx Tale," with Robert De Niro.

From The Associated Press

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Burger King revives chicken character

By CANDICE CHOI

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Burger King is bringing back one of its strangest advertising creations if you don't count its creepy King — the Subservient Chicken.

The campaign, which was considered groundbreaking when it ran in 2004, featured a website where a giant chicken dressed in garters appeared to perform any task visitors commanded. A costumed actor had been pre-recorded performing hundreds of acts so it would seem as though the chicken was obeying people's orders.

It was an unexpected take on chain's "Have It Your Way" slogan, all just to promote a new chicken sandwich. The site got 100 million hits in the two weeks after its launch, according to Burger King.

A decade later, the Miami-based chain is trotting out the Subservient Chicken once again

to promote yet another chicken sandwich — a triple-decker called the Chicken Big Mac, except with chicken patties.

Burger King says it will post a short video detailing the "rise and fall" of Subservient Chicken on www.subservientchicken.com at 9 a.m. EDT Wednesday.

Like a host of other companies, Burger King Worldwide Inc. is hoping to create a viral marketing hit to connect with younger consumers. The strategies have varied widely and it's not always clear whether they ultimately help boost sales.

KFC, for instance, recently captured widespread attention online when it issued a video of a boy giving his prom date a corsage made with a chicken drumstick. Whether its popularity can help turn around a yearslong sales slump is yet to be seen. In the first quarter of this year, sales at established locations fell 3 percent, after falling 5 percent for

last year.

Burger King, like other traditional fast-food chains, is struggling to boost sales as well. As for attention on social media, the chain's most memorable recent moment in the spotlight may have been when its Twitter account was hacked. The hacker changed its profile picture to the McDonald's logo and tweeted messages containing obscenities, references to drug use and racial epithets.

Burger King had to ask Twitter to temporarily suspend the account.

As for the Subservient Chicken website, it is already live and shows what appears to be a short of the empty room where the character originally performed its tasks 10 years ago, including dancing, moonwalking and doing pushups. A pop-up alert for a "Missing Chicken Error" prompts people to click a "Help Us" button, which then asks people to share the link on social media.

Eric Hirschhorn, chief market-

ing officer for Burger King North America, declined to provide details about the video that will be posted Wednesday, but said the idea is that the chicken is "turning the tables" on people. It will include an appearance by Dustin Diamond, the actor best known for playing Screech on the teen sitcom "Saved By the Bell."

"I don't want to spoil it, but he's an incredible addition to the film," Hirschhorn said.

Burger King has since cut ties with the creators of the Subservient Chicken campaign, Crispin Porter + Bogusky and The Barbarian Group, and says they were not involved in making the new video, which was directed by Bryan Buckley, who has created many Super Bowl ads.

The campaign will not include TV ads.

As for whether Burger King planned to bring back the King character, another one of its famous advertising creations, Hirschhorn declined to say.

EXCHANGE RATES

| Military rates | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Euro costs (April 29) | \$1.4219 |
| Dollar buys (April 29) | €0.7033 |
| British pound (April 29) | \$1.73 |
| Japanese yen (April 29) | 100.00 |
| South Korean won (April 29) | 1,011.00 |

| Commercial rates | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Bahrain (Dinar) | 0.3771 |
| British pound | \$1.6832/\$.9941 |
| Canada (dollar) | 1.1025 |
| China (Yuan) | 6.2525 |
| Denmark (Krone) | 5.3840 |
| Egypt (Pound) | 7.0023 |
| Euro | \$1.3863/\$.7213 |
| Hong Kong (Dollar) | 7.7529 |
| Hungary (Forint) | 223.13 |
| Israel (Shekel) | 3.4769 |
| Japan (Yen) | 102.43 |
| Kuwait (Dinar) | 0.2810 |
| Norway (Krone) | 5.9978 |
| Philippines (Peso) | 44.32 |
| Poland (Zloty) | 3.03 |
| Saudi Arabia (Riyal) | 3.7506 |
| Singapore (Dollar) | 1.2561 |
| South Korea (Won) | 1,035.25 |
| Switzerland (Franc) | 0.8789 |
| Thailand (Baht) | 32.25 |
| Turkey (New Lira) | 2.1247 |

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands, which keep their local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

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|---------------------------|------|
| Prime rate | 3.25 |
| Discount rate | 3.00 |
| Federal funds market rate | 0.10 |
| 3-month bill | 0.04 |
| 30-year bond | 3.44 |

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Tuesday's US temperatures

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| City | Hi | Lo | Wthr | City | Hi | Lo | Wthr | City | Hi | Lo | Wthr | City | Hi | Lo | Wthr |
| Ableine, Tex | 74 | 50 | Cir | Chattanooga | 76 | 64 | Rain | Fort Wayne | 72 | 53 | Rain | Louisville | 77 | 62 | Rain |
| Akron, Ohio | 69 | 50 | Rain | Chicago | 65 | 49 | Rain | Fort Reno | 88 | 54 | Cir | Lubbock | 68 | 42 | Cir |
| Albany, N.Y. | 42 | 30 | Rain | Cincinnati | 76 | 60 | Rain | Goodland | 48 | 39 | Cir | Macomb | 83 | 65 | Rain |
| Albuquerque | 61 | 36 | Cir | Cleveland | 68 | 51 | Rain | Grand Junction | 53 | 30 | Rain | Madison | 59 | 42 | Rain |
| Allentown, Pa. | 49 | 46 | Rain | Colorado Springs | 51 | 28 | Cir | Grand Rapids | 68 | 45 | Rain | Memphis | 78 | 61 | Cir |
| Anchorage | 55 | 37 | PCldy | Columbus, Ga. | 81 | 68 | Rain | Greensboro, N.C. | 70 | 33 | Cir | Midland-Odesa | 72 | 47 | Cir |
| Asheville | 71 | 56 | Rain | Columbus, Ohio | 75 | 61 | Rain | Great Falls | 57 | 30 | Cir | Minneapolis | 58 | 41 | Rain |
| Atlanta | 78 | 66 | Rain | Concord, N.H. | 54 | 38 | Cir | Hartford | 54 | 44 | Cir | Mpls-St Paul | 44 | 39 | Rain |
| Atlantic City | 52 | 45 | Rain | Corpus Christi | 85 | 67 | PCldy | Helena | 58 | 33 | PCldy | Missoula | 61 | 28 | Cir |
| Austin | 66 | 49 | Rain | Dallas-Ft. Worth | 75 | 52 | Cir | Honolulu | 83 | 70 | Cir | Mobile | 64 | 48 | Cir |
| Baltimore | 56 | 49 | Rain | Dayton | 74 | 60 | Rain | Houston | 85 | 68 | PCldy | Montgomery | 81 | 70 | Rain |
| Baton Rouge | 86 | 71 | Cir | Daytona Beach | 86 | 68 | PCldy | Huntsville | 79 | 64 | Rain | Nashville | 78 | 64 | Rain |
| Bilings | 53 | 34 | Rain | Denver | 51 | 29 | Cir | Indianapolis | 72 | 57 | Cir | New Orleans | 84 | 72 | Rain |
| Birmingham | 79 | 67 | Rain | Des Moines | 57 | 49 | Rain | Jackson, Miss. | 82 | 68 | Rain | New York City | 54 | 47 | Cir |
| Bismarck | 41 | 36 | Snow | Detroit | 58 | 48 | Rain | Jacksonville, Fla. | 89 | 68 | PCldy | Newark | 55 | 48 | Cir |
| Boise | 65 | 39 | Cir | Duluth | 51 | 31 | Snow | Juneau | 51 | 39 | Rain | Norfolk-Va. | 47 | 54 | Rain |
| Boston | 48 | 43 | Cir | El Paso | 75 | 56 | Cir | Kansas City | 56 | 48 | Cir | North Platte | 48 | 36 | Cir |
| Bridgeport | 53 | 44 | Cir | Elkins | 73 | 50 | Rain | Key West | 73 | 50 | Rain | Omaha | 53 | 45 | Rain |
| Brownsville | 90 | 69 | PCldy | Erie | 58 | 46 | Rain | Knoxville | 74 | 62 | Rain | Omaha | 53 | 45 | Rain |
| Buffalo | 55 | 46 | Rain | Evansville | 76 | 46 | PCldy | Lake Charles | 85 | 70 | PCldy | Orlando | 90 | 69 | PCldy |
| Burlington, Vt. | 49 | 38 | Rain | Fairbanks | 74 | 59 | Rain | Lansing | 69 | 45 | Rain | Padsuch | 75 | 58 | Rain |
| Caribou, Maine | 51 | 32 | Cir | Flagstaff | 55 | 34 | Cir | Las Vegas | 80 | 61 | Cir | Pendleton | 60 | 39 | Cir |
| Casper | 48 | 38 | Cir | Fargo | 47 | 34 | Cir | Lexington | 76 | 62 | Rain | Peoria | 67 | 52 | Cir |
| Charleston, S.C. | 84 | 67 | Cir | Flagstaff | 57 | 32 | Cir | Lincoln | 52 | 44 | Rain | Philadelphia | 52 | 47 | Rain |
| Charleston, W.Va. | 75 | 59 | Rain | Fort Smith | 67 | 46 | Rain | Little Rock | 76 | 56 | PCldy | Phoenix | 90 | 64 | Cir |
| Charlotte, N.C. | 78 | 65 | Rain | | | | Los Angeles | 90 | 60 | Cir | Pittsburgh | 67 | 49 | Rain | |

National temperature extremes

Hi: Sun., 109, Laredo, Texas and
PCldy Kingsville Naval Air Station, Texas

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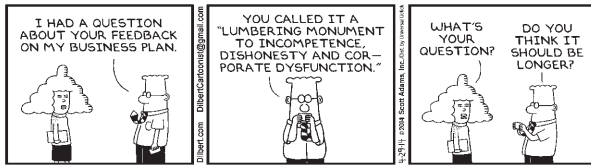
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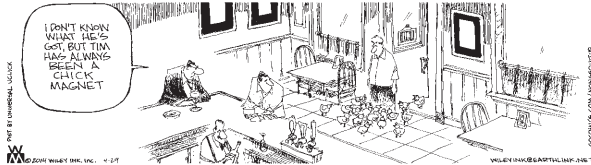
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- 2 "Despicable Me" character
- 3 Gambling game
- 4 Caspian feeder
- 5 Pirates' potato
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- 7 Use the USPS
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- 9 Free from guilt
- 10 Diamond corners
- 11 Method
- 12 Have a bug
- 13 Social stratum
- 14 "— makes the heart grow fonder"
- 15 Spacecraft compartment
- 16 Conk out
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- 21 Expert
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- 1 Russian legislature
- 2 Bedouin
- 3 Speaker's place
- 4 Lets
- 5 Turkey topping
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- 7 Sounds of hesitation
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- 9 — and crafts
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NHL PLAYOFFS

Ducks move on as Stars implode

Anaheim scores twice in final minutes, then eliminates Dallas in OT

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Anaheim Ducks coach Bruce Boudreau was certainly trying to remain optimistic, even if he didn't expect such a dramatic comeback.

"I wasn't confident at all," Boudreau admitted. "You're always hopeful. ... But deep down, we don't really think it's going to happen."

Well, it did. And the Ducks are moving on in the playoffs.

The Ducks scored twice in the final 2:10 of regulation and then Nick Bonino scored in overtime for a 5-4 series-clinching victory over the Dallas Stars in Game 6 on Sunday night.

"It's still hard to believe. I've got butterflies in my stomach," said Bonino, who also scored one of those late regulation goals. "Scoring the winning goal in a playoff series is something you play in your driveway when you're a kid."

Bonino got the game-winner on a wrist shot from in front of the net 2:47 into overtime after getting a pass from Andrew Cogliano and made sure the Ducks didn't need a Game 7 to advance in the playoffs for only the second time since winning their lone Stanley Cup title seven years ago.

"We've done it all year. We had games when we clanked back, especially in the third," Cogliano said. "That's what the playoffs are all about, to keep clanking."

Trevor Daley scored twice on breakaways for the Stars, the first goal coming after he got the puck charging out of the penalty box. Daley, who also had an assist, is the only current player that was also on their last playoff team in 2008 for the Stars, who came



The Ducks' Devante Smith-Pelly, right, celebrates with Ryan Getzlaf after Smith-Pelly scored the game-tying goal with 24 seconds left in the third period Sunday in Game 6 of their Western Conference first-round playoff series in Dallas. The Ducks won 5-4 in overtime, eliminating the Stars in the best-of-7 series 4-2. Anaheim will play either Los Angeles or San Jose in the Western Conference semifinals.

so close to a deciding Game 7 in their first season under coach Lindy Ruff.

"Sometimes hockey's cruel," Ruff said. "It was cruel, really cruel, to a group of guys that worked as hard as they possibly could tonight. There wasn't one guy that was a passenger."

Bonino skated around from behind the net and got a puck over Kari Lehtonen's left shoulder to get the Ducks within 4-3 with 2:10

left in regulation.

"After they got the first one, we were just kind of on our heels too much," Stars forward Ryan Garbutt said.

Anaheim got the overtime-forcing goal with 24 seconds left after a wild scramble in front of the net with an extra skater and Lehtonen without his stick. When the puck trickled free, Devante Smith-Pelly pushed into the open gap for his second goal of the

game for a 4-4 tie.

"I was just standing outside the net, and guys were whacking at it," Smith-Pelly said. "You do what you've got to do to score. Not every goal is going to be tic-tac-toe."

Ducks veteran goalie Jonas Hiller stopped all 12 shots he faced after replacing rookie Frederik Andersen midway through the second period after Daley's second breakaway put Dallas up 4-2. He stopped only eight shots.

Scoreboard

| First round | |
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| (best-of-7) | |
| (x-if necessary) | |
| EASTERN CONFERENCE | |
| Boston 4, Detroit 1 | |
| Detroit 1, Boston 0 | |
| Boston 3, Detroit 0 | |
| Boston 3, Detroit 2, OT | |
| Boston 4, Detroit 2 | |
| Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 0 | |
| Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 0 | |
| Montreal 3, Tampa Bay 1 | |
| Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 3 | |
| Pittsburgh 3, Columbus 2 | |
| Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 3 | |
| Columbus 4, Pittsburgh 3, 2OT | |
| Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 3 | |
| Columbus 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT | |
| Pittsburgh 3, Columbus 1 | |
| Monday: at Columbus | |
| x-Wednesday: at Pittsburgh | |
| N.Y. Rangers 3, Philadelphia 2 | |
| N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 1 | |
| Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Rangers 2 | |
| N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 1 | |
| Philadelphia 2, N.Y. Rangers 1 | |
| Sunday: N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 2 | |
| Tuesday: at Philadelphia | |
| x-Wednesday: at N.Y. Rangers | |
| WESTERN CONFERENCE | |
| Colorado 3, Minnesota 2 | |
| Colorado 5, Minnesota 4, OT | |
| Colorado 4, Minnesota 2 | |
| Minnesota 1, Colorado 0, OT | |
| Minnesota 2, Colorado 1 | |
| Colorado 4, Minnesota 3, OT | |
| Monday: at Minnesota | |
| x-Wednesday: at Colorado | |
| Chicago 4, St. Louis 2 | |
| Chicago 4, St. Louis 3, 3OT | |
| St. Louis 4, Chicago 3, OT | |
| Chicago 2, St. Louis 0 | |
| Chicago 4, St. Louis 3, OT | |
| Chicago 3, St. Louis 1, OT | |
| Sunday: Chicago 5, St. Louis 1 | |
| Anaheim 4, Dallas 2 | |
| Anaheim 4, Dallas 3 | |
| Anaheim 3, Dallas 2 | |
| Dallas 3, Anaheim 0 | |
| Dallas 4, Anaheim 2 | |
| Anaheim 6, Dallas 2 | |
| Sunday: Anaheim 5, Dallas 4, OT | |
| San Jose 3, Los Angeles 2 | |
| San Jose 6, Los Angeles 3 | |
| San Jose 7, Los Angeles 2 | |
| San Jose 4, Los Angeles 3, OT | |
| Los Angeles 6, San Jose 3 | |
| San Jose 3, Los Angeles 0 | |
| Monday: at Los Angeles | |
| x-Wednesday: at San Jose | |

LM Otero/AP

Roundup

Blackhawks finish off Blues in 6 games

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — First, it was Jonathan Toews on a power play and then Patrick Sharp got loose on a breakaway. Andrew Shaw followed by tipping one home and it was all over.

One dazzling stretch for the Chicago Blackhawks put an end to their first tight-round series against the St. Louis Blues.

Duncan Keith had a goal and three assists, and the Blackhawks used a four-goal third period to finish off the Blues with a 5-1 win in Game 6 on Sunday.

"It feels good to contribute in a big game," Keith said, "and I think just the main thing for me is just being able to move on and get a couple days to relax and just regroup and focus on the next round."

Chicago won four in a row after a slow start in St. Louis. The Blackhawks will play the winner of the Minnesota-Colorado series in the Western Conference semifinals. The Avalanche led the Wild 3-2.

Toews, Sharp and Shaw scored in the first 7½ minutes of the third and Keith closed out the scoring as the Blackhawks improved to 14-2 in home playoff games over the past two seasons.

Bryce Bickell scored in the first and Corey Crawford made 35 saves, keeping Chicago in a tie game

when St. Louis controlled the second period.

"I think both the PK and (Crawford) won the game and the series ultimately," St. Louis coach Joel Quenneville said. "I think that was the big factor in us getting through."

Rangers 4, Flyers 2: Brad Richards and Dominic Moore scored second-period goals, and Henrik Lundqvist made 24 saves as the New York Rangers pushed the Philadelphia Flyers to the brink of elimination with a 4-2 victory in Game 5 on Sunday.

Defenseman Marc Staal gave the Rangers the lead in the first period and they extended it in the second in taking a 3-2 edge in the first-round series. Game 6 is Tuesday in Philadelphia. If necessary, a deciding seventh game would be back at Madison Square Garden on Wednesday.

Philadelphia's Steve Mason wasn't nearly as sharp in his second straight start following a late-season injury. He stopped 18 shots after his 37-save effort in a 2-1 victory in Game 4 got the Flyers even.

Vincent Lecavalier made it 3-1 late in the second period on the power play and Claude Giroux scored his first of the series with 1:29 left to cut the lead to 3-2. But Moore won a race to negate an icing call and fed a pass to Brian Boyle, who scored with 15 seconds left to seal the game.

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Sunday
Ducks 5, Stars 4 (OT)

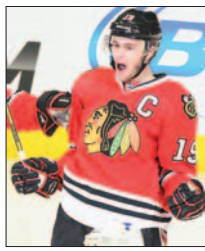
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| Dallas | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| First Period —1, Dallas, Daley 1 (Hornick), 5:16, 2, Dallas, Eakin 2 (Seguin, Soliz), 10:27, 3, Anaheim, Smith-Pelly 1 (Selanne, Rakell), 17:57 (pp.), 4, Dallas, Garbutt 3 (Eakin, Daley), 19:01, 5, Anaheim, Smith-Pelly 2 (Selanne, Rakell), 19:36. | | | | |
| Second Period —2, Anaheim, Smith-Pelly 2 (Perry, Bouchaud), 19:36. | | | | |
| Overtime —9, Anaheim, Bonino 3 (Cogliano, Maroon), 1:05, 10, Anaheim, Smith-Pelly 2 (Perry, Bouchaud), 1:36. | | | | |
| Shots on goal —Anaheim 8-6-15-30, Dallas 11-5-6-24. | | | | |
| Power-play opportunities —Anaheim 1 of 5, Dallas 1 of 5. | | | | |
| Goals —Anaheim, Andersen (12 shots, 8 saves), Hiller 1-0-0 (10:33 second, 12:12), Dallas, Lehtonen 2-4-0 (30:25). | | | | |
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Blackhawks 5, Blues 1

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| Chicago | 1 | 0 | 4 | 5 |
| First Period —1, Chicago, Bickell 2 (Gastbrook, Keith), 4:12, 2, St. Louis, Oshie 2 (Keith, Bouwmeester), 16:28. | | | | |
| Second Period —1, N.Y. Rangers, Toews 3 (Keith, Sabrook), 4:44 (pp.), 4, Chicago, Sharp 3 (Kane), 2:01, 5, Chicago, Shaw 2 (Keith, Rozsival), 7:30, 6, Chicago, Keith 2 (Shaw, Kruger), 17:05. | | | | |
| Shots on goal —St. Louis 11-17-8—36, Chicago 6-16-27. | | | | |
| Power-play opportunities —Chicago 1 of 6; Chicago 1 of 2. | | | | |
| Goals —St. Louis, Miller 2-4-0 (27 second, 12:25 saves), Chicago, Crawford 4-2-0 (36:35). | | | | |
| A —22,144 (19,717), T—2:32. | | | | |

Rangers 4, Flyers 2

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| Second Period —1, N.Y. Rangers, Richards 2 (Miller, Hagelin), 8:07, 3, N.Y. Rangers, D. Moore 2 (St. Louis, Girard), 15:45, 4, Philadelphia, Lecavalier 1 (Streit, Macdonald), 19:27 (pp.). | | | | |
| Third Period —5, Philadelphia, Giroux 1 (Timonen, Simmonds), 18:31, 6, N.Y. Rangers, Rolfe 1 (D. Moore, Girard), 19:45 (pp.). | | | | |
| Shots on goal —Philadelphia 8-8-10—26, N.Y. Rangers 6-8-22. | | | | |
| Power-play opportunities —Philadelphia 1 of 5, N.Y. Rangers 1 of 2. | | | | |
| Goals —Philadelphia, Mason 1-1-0 (19:45), N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 3-2-0 (26:24). | | | | |
| A —18,006 (18,006), T—2:30. | | | | |



CHRIS LEE, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/AP

Blackhawks center Jonathan Toews celebrates after scoring the go-ahead goal in the third period Sunday against St. Louis in Game 6 of their Western Conference first-round series in Chicago.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Browns trying out QBs Young, Thigpen

The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — As they contemplate choosing a quarterback early in the upcoming draft, the Browns will take a look at a former first-round pick.

Free agent quarterback Vince Young is taking a physical with the team Monday and is expected to participate in Cleveland's minicamp this week. Browns general manager Ray Farmer said the team has been tracking Young, who hasn't played in an NFL regular-season game since 2011 with Philadelphia. He has spent parts of the past two offseasons with Buffalo and Green Bay.

Young, selected third overall by Tennessee in 2006, is 31-19 as a starter.

"Our interest in Vince is that he's been productive and he's had success in the National Football League," Farmer said at a predraft news conference. "We wanted to take the opportunity to get a chance to see where he was. We've been kind of following him through the offseason and he had been doing some things that kind of caught our eye and made us kind of take note and we wanted to see what that looked like in his own time frame."

Farmer said the Browns are also bringing in Tyler Thigpen, who last played for Buffalo in 2012.

The Browns need to add a veteran to back up Brian Hoyer, who is penciled in as the starter heading into this season but is coming off knee surgery. Other than Hoyer, the only quarterback on Cleveland's roster is Alex Tanney, who was signed late last season as the Browns were hit hard by injuries at quarterback.

Barcelona's Alves gets support

BARCELONA, Spain — Barcelona defender Dani Alves has received an outpouring of support for his response to a racist taunt during a game, with other players posting online photos of themselves with bananas.

Alves, who is black, was about to take a corner kick during Sunday's 3-2 win at Villarreal when a banana was thrown at him. The Brazil international picked it up, peeled it and ate some of it before throwing the rest aside.

After the match, Alves said humor was the best way to combat racism in sports.

Barcelona expressed its "complete support and solidarity" with Alves. It added in

a statement that all clubs must "continue fighting against the blight on the game."

Barcelona teammate Neymar posted a photo of himself on Instagram, holding a peeled banana alongside his son, who was holding a doll that resembled a banana. Fellow Brazil teammates Hulk and Fred also lent support through social media.

Argentina striker Sergio Aguero and Brazil women's striker Marta both posed for photos while biting into bananas, while former Brazil international Roberto Carlos also posted an Internet photo of himself with the fruit.

"We have suffered this in Spain for some time," Alves said Sunday. "You have to take it with a dose of humor. We aren't going to change things easily. If you don't give it importance, they don't achieve their objective."

FFA President Sepp Blatter also weighed in on Twitter, calling the racist taunt an "outrage." He added that there "will be zero tolerance" for such conduct at the World Cup.

Norris finalists announced

NEW YORK — Boston's Zdeno Chára, Chicago's Duncan Keith and Nashville's Shea Weber are finalists for the Norris Trophy, given annually to the NHL's best defenseman.

Chára won the award in 2009 and is a finalist for the sixth time. The Bruins' captain had 17 goals and a plus-25 rating this past season.

Keith finished first among defensemen in assists with 55 and second in points with 61. He won the Norris in 2010, the only other time he was a finalist.

Weber had 33 assists and led all blue-liners with 23 goals. The captain of the Predators was a finalist in 2011 and 2012 but has never won the award before.

In other NHL news:

■ Jim Rutherford is stepping down as general manager of the Carolina Hurricanes and the team has promoted Hall of Fame player Ron Francis to replace him.

In a series of moves announced Monday, the Hurricanes also hired Mike Lucetti as assistant GM and director of hockey operations and promoted Brian Tatum to assistant general manager.

■ A league official familiar with the deal said the Calgary Flames will name Phoenix Coyotes assistant general manager Brad

Treliving as their next general manager.

The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because the Flames had yet to make an announcement.

He will replace Jay Feaster, who was fired on Dec. 12.

The 44-year-old Treliving spent the past seven seasons as an assistant under general manager Don Maloney, helping guide the Coyotes through a difficult four years without an owner.

Noh wins first PGA Tour event

AVONDALE, La. — Seung-Yul Noh overcame windy conditions and his nerves, shooting a 1-under 71 on Sunday to win the Zurich Classic by two shots for his first PGA Tour victory.

While Noh, the leader through three rounds, never fell out of first, he did make his first three bogeys of the tournament and briefly fell into a tie with Keegan Bradley.

But Bradley did himself in with a bogey on the fifth hole and a triple bogey on the sixth, while Noh remained steady enough to hold off remaining challengers.

The 22-year-old South Korean player, the youngest winner this season, wore yellow and black ribbons on his hat to honor the more than 300 dead or missing in a ferry accident in waters off his home country.

The seventh first-time PGA Tour winner in the last 10 years in the event, Noh finished at 19-under 269 and earned \$1,224,000. Andrew Svoboda and Robert Streb tied for second. Svoboda had a 69, and Streb shot 70.

In other golf news:

■ Lydia Ko birdied the final hole for her third LPGA Tour victory and first as a professional, holding off Stacy Lewis and Jenny Shin in the inaugural Swinging Skirts LPGA Classic.

It went down to the final shots, and the teen made a 6-foot birdie putt moments before Lewis knocked in a 4-footer of her own to finish one stroke back.

Kerr discussing Knicks job

NEW YORK — Steve Kerr said Sunday he spoke with Phil Jackson twice over the weekend and that they will continue discussing the possibility of him becoming coach of the New York Knicks.

Kerr said he had dinner with Jackson, his former coach with Chicago and the new Knicks team president, on Friday night



BUTCH DILL/AP

Ryan Hunter-Reay gets a high-five from his son, Ryden, after winning the Indy Grand Prix of Alabama on Sunday.

and they talked again Saturday.

"There's a lot to cover on both sides and this was the first time we've talked about the job. It just opened up last week and so we've got a lot of things to discuss," Kerr said.

Jackson fired Mike Woodson and the rest of the Knicks coaching staff after a 37-45 season, and again said he wasn't interested in returning to coaching.

Hunter-Reay wins Alabama GP

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Ryan Hunter-Reay deftly guided his car around the rain-soaked track, stayed out of trouble and wound up with a much happier ending.

Hunter-Reay coasted to his second straight victory at Barber Motorsports Park on Sunday when the rain-shortened IndyCar race finished under caution, with Andretti Autosport teammate Marco Andretti behind him.

The win came two weeks after Hunter-Reay touched off what turned into a seven-car pileup with an ill-timed attempt to pass Josef Newgarden at Long Beach to end what had been a dominating performance.

Scott Dixon was third, followed by Simon Pagenaud and pole-sitter Will Power, a two-time winner at Barber who had a slight but costly misjudgment on a slippery track in the tight Turn 5.



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MLB

Hicks' walkoff HR gives Giants sweet of Indians

By RICK EYMER
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Brandon Hicks made the team in spring training when it became obvious San Francisco's regular second baseman, Marco Scutaro, would not be ready to start the season. He's made the most of his opportunity.

Hicks hit a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning to give the San Francisco Giants a 4-1 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Sunday, completing a three-game sweep.

"It felt awesome," said Hicks, who hit a game-ending homer for the Oakland A's two years ago. "You always remember these."

Hicks signed a minor-league deal with the Giants last November and made the club when Scutaro's lower back strain remained a problem.

"He had a tremendous spring," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "With Scutaro down we needed help there and he's been getting big hits for us. Two outs in the ninth; it doesn't get any better than that."

Buster Posey led off with a single and pinch runner Gregor Blanco went to second on Juan Perez's sacrifice bunt. Pablo Sandoval struck out and Brandon Crawford,

who drove in the Giants first run, was walked intentionally.

Hicks took a ball and then hit a towering fly into the left field bleachers, giving the sellout crowd of 41,530 something to celebrate.

"I wanted to be ready for it when and if he threw a fastball," Hicks said. "He's a hard thrower and I was able to get a pitch up in the zone."

Sergio Romo (2-0) pitched a scoreless inning for the win. Cory Allen (2-1), who allowed his first run in 12 games, took the loss.

"I was not trying to elevate a fastball," Allen said. "I was trying to throw a good fastball down and way. It was already a bad count and he was probably looking for it. He got a pitch out over the plate and put the barrel to it."

Yan Gomes hit a game-tying home run in the eighth inning for the Indians, who were swept for the first time since last August.

Ryan Vogelsong found a flaw in his mechanics after a disastrous start in his last outing. The fix has

him looking forward with a renewed sense of confidence.

"It was a pretty major flaw, in my legs, and I just tried to fix it," said Vogelsong, who was pulled with one out in the second inning of last Monday's 8-2 loss at the Colorado Rockies. "The other night was so bad, you just look to see if anything sticks out. I was out so fast there wasn't a whole lot to digest."

Vogelsong threw seven shutout innings, his longest start of the season. He gave up two hits, both to Michael Bourn, walked two and struck out six.

"He did a great job of getting back into the count," Bochy said. "He never gave in and threw some great pitches when he had to."

Indians' starter Danny Salazar gave up one run on five hits in a season-best seven innings. He walked one and struck out eight.

"I was trying to bring the same guy who was up here last year," Salazar said. "I wasn't thinking about my delivery or anything else. I was thinking, just keep the ball down."

Vogelsong retired the final 12 batters he faced while Salazar set down nine of the last 10 he faced.

The Giants sold out an NL record 258th straight game, surpassing the Philadelphia Phillies, who sold out 257 straight between 2009-12.

'It felt awesome. You always remember these.'

Brandon Hicks
Giants 2B, on his game-winning home run



BEN MARGOT/AP

Giants second baseman Brandon Hicks celebrates after hitting a game-winning three-run homer off Cleveland reliever Cody Allen in the ninth inning of Sunday's 4-1 win in San Francisco.

Freeman delivers in 10th for Braves

By CHARLES ODOM
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Freddie Freeman heard fans calling his name and, with dark clouds moving in, he knew the grounds crew had just removed the cover from the infield tarp.

What better time for a game-winning hit?

Freeman's single to the center-field wall scored Jason Heyward from second base with two outs in the 10th inning on Sunday, lifting the Atlanta Braves to a 1-0 win over the Cincinnati Reds.

"You live for moments like that when you want to be a big league player," Freeman said. "You hear the crowd chanting your name and you want to come through. So it was a pretty cool moment."

Freeman's big hit saved the game from an almost certain walk through bad weather.

"It was like, 'Yes, we don't have to go to any more innings and we won't have a rain delay,'" Freeman said. "We were all thinking about it."

Sure enough, minutes after the postgame celebration ended on the field, a thunderstorm brought lightning and heavy rain to Turn-

er Field.

Cincinnati's Johnny Cueto and Atlanta's Julio Teheran were spectacular. Each allowed only three hits in eight scoreless innings before giving way to relievers.

"It was a great game," Cueto said through a translator. "We both competed. Things went good for us, him and me."

Cueto struck out 11. He has allowed only one run in his last three starts, limiting him with a 1.15 ERA.

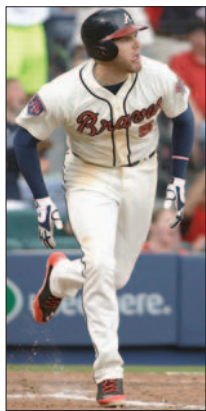
Teheran also has given up just one run in his last three starts. His 1.47 ERA has helped the Braves' starters lead the majors with their 1.57 mark.

"He just keeps getting better and better," Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez said.

With two outs in the 10th, Heyward hit a single up the middle off J.J. Hoover (1-3). B.J. Upton followed with a grounder that bounced off Hoover's glove toward shortstop for an infield hit.

"I thought I had it and it kind of hit a second gear just tipped out of my glove," Hoover said.

Left-hander Manny Parra was summoned to face Freeman, who hit a second-pitch fastball for a drive that bounced on the warning



DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

Atlanta Braves' Freddie Freeman watches the flight of the ball after hitting a walk-off single for the winning run in the 10th inning of Sunday's 1-0 win over the Cincinnati Reds in Atlanta.

track beyond center fielder Billy Hamilton's reach.

Braves players swarmed Freeman at second base following Atlanta's first three-game sweep of the Reds since 2008.

Ellsbury, Teixeira spark Yanks' win over Angels

By MIKE FITZPATRICK
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's been 20 months since Masahiro Tanaka lost a regular-season game — in any country.

Garrett Richards and the Los Angeles Angels had a chance to end that streak until Mark Teixeira found his power stroke from the left side of the plate.

Teixeira hit a tying homer and Jacoby Ellsbury scored the go-ahead run thanks to a passed ball and wild pitch in the eighth inning, sending the New York Yankees to a 3-2 victory Sunday night.

Tanaka struck out a season-high 11, including Mike Trout twice, and overcame an early bout of wildness in a tight pitchers' duel with Richards. Neither starter received a decision, leaving both undefeated this year.

"Tanaka had it going," Yankees catcher Brian McCann said. "It was a good team win."

David Robertson struck out pinch-hitter Raul Ibanez with a runner on second to end it, and New York has won 10 of 14 after taking two of three in the series.

David Preece homered for the Angels, who went 4-5 on a tough road trip to Detroit, Washington

and New York.

Tanaka walked four in 6 1/3 innings against the Angels, who began the day leading the majors in homers.

The \$155 million rookie was on the hook for his first regular-season loss since August 2012 in Japan until Teixeira homered leading off the seventh.

New York broke the tie without a hit in the eighth, a rough inning for Angels catcher Chris Iannetta.

With the score 2-all, Michael Kohn (1-1) walked Ellsbury and Carlos Beltran. Nick Maronde relieved, and both runners advanced on Iannetta's passed ball.

"It was a fastball right there and I just missed it," Iannetta said. "One of the dumbest plays I've made in my career — or not made."

McCann barely stayed alive with a couple of foul tips, and Maronde bounced a breaking ball in front of the plate. The ball ricocheted off Iannetta and far enough away for Ellsbury to score easily.

Adam Warren (1-1) fanned two in 1 1/3 scoreless innings. Robertson worked the ninth for his fourth save and second in two days, whiffing Ibanez seconds before security workers tackled a fan who ran into the outfield.

MLB



TED S. WARREN/AP

Seattle Mariners' Kyle Seager hits a three-run home run in the eighth inning of Sunday's 6-5 win over the Texas Rangers in Seattle. Seager hit two homers in the game and has hit five in the past four games.

AL roundup

Seager's HR tear continues as Mariners rally to top Rangers

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Less than a week ago, nothing was going right for Kyle Seager and the Mariners. Since then, Seager just keeps hitting home runs and Seattle has started to see some wins.

Seager hit a pair of homers Sunday, including a three-run shot in the eighth, to lead the Mariners to a 6-5 comeback win against the Texas Rangers. Seager has five homers in his last four games, a power surge that started with a two-homer game against the Astros on Wednesday. Before that game, Seager was hitting .156 with no home runs and two RBI, a slump that matched the team's performance — Seattle lost its eighth straight game Tuesday.

In the four games since, he's gone 8 for 15, added five homers and 11 RBI and raised his season average to .228 while the Mariners have won three of the four. He's also had at least two hits in all four games, tying a career-best streak.

"It's been a good run. I think if you continue to stay with the program and not panic, hopefully it'll come around sooner or later," Seager said. "It's been feeling good for a little while. The results obviously weren't what I was hoping for, but it was starting to come around."

The Mariners fell behind 5-0 to Texas early before Seager led the late rally. Seager led off the seventh inning with his first home run and then gave Seattle the lead with his two-out short down the right field line in the eighth off Alexi Ogando (1-2).

"There's nothing like positive results," Mariners manager Lloyd McClendon said. "When you start

to get some positive results you feel better about what you're doing and how you're doing it."

The victory also gave the Mariners their first home series win over Texas since September 2012. The homers more than made up for an earlier missed opportunity, when Seager struck out with the bases loaded to end the fourth inning.

"I thought we had him for a minute," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "I thought he was slumping. But I guess he's not."

Danny Farquhar (1-0) pitched the eighth to earn the win and Fernando Rodney closed out the ninth for his fifth save.

Rangers starter Matt Harrison made his first appearance in more than a year, giving up two runs on three hits in six innings.

Harrison was activated from the disabled list before the game to make his first appearance since April 6, 2013. Harrison was the Rangers' opening day starter last season but only pitched two games before going on the disabled list with an inflamed nerve in his lower back. He had two back surgeries in a nine-day span a year ago, and another surgery on his right side in September. He battled stiffness in his back and neck during spring training, starting the season on the disabled list.

"Glad to be back," Harrison said. "It's been a long road."

Harrison had no problems in the first three innings, retiring the first nine batters he faced. But a lengthy top of the fourth — the Rangers had eight batters and scored three runs to take the 5-0 lead — seemed to affect Harrison as he came out for the bottom of the inning.

Harrison walked Michael Saunders to lead off the fourth, and Robinson Cano got the Mariners' first hit with a one-out, run-scoring double. Harrison gave up another single and a walk to load the bases with two outs before Seager's strikeout.

White Sox 9, Rays 2: Jose Abreu drove in four runs and set a major league rookie record for RBIs through the end of April as host Chicago beat Tampa Bay.

Abreu, who had a two-run home run in the sixth and a two-run single in the seventh, has 31 RBIs. Albert Pujols had the previous RBI mark of 27 in 2001.

Blue Jays 7, Red Sox 1: Melky Cabrera hit a go-ahead double as host Toronto beat Boston and ended a season-worst four-game losing streak. R.A. Dickey (2-3) won for the first time in four starts for the Blue Jays.

Brett Lawrie homered, doubled and drove in two runs as the Blue Jays avoided their first sweep against Boston since June 2011.

Royals 9, Orioles 3: Omar Infante homered and tied a career high with six RBIs, and James Shields allowed just three hits in seven innings as Kansas City coasted over host Baltimore.

Nori Aoki scored three runs for the Royals. Shields (3-2) allowed two runs, struck out six and walked two in winning his third straight start.

Astros 5, Athletics 1: Collin McHugh allowed two hits in 8½ stellar innings as host Houston beat Oakland. McHugh (2-0) followed up his first outing where he struck out 12 and allowed three hits in 6½ innings at Seattle on Tuesday with another dominant performance.

NL roundup

Cards' Wainwright shuts down Pirates

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Johnny Peralta went deep twice, ending the St. Louis Cardinals' 366 at-bat homerless drought.

The first would have been plenty for Adam Wainwright.

Wainwright became the majors' first five-game winner and Peralta had two home runs and four RBIs in a 7-0 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Sunday.

"I'm really having more fun pitching right now than I ever have," Wainwright said. "It's just such a chess match."

"I feel I'm right where I want to be and so I'm going to work extra hard to stay there and not get complacent."

Matt Holliday, Allen Craig and Yadier Molina also had RBIs for the Cardinals, who totaled five runs in their previous four games. St. Louis took two of three from the Pirates, shutting them out in both wins.

"We got some big hits today, gave him a little bit of room to breathe," manager Mike Matheny said. "Even though we've got all the faith in the world in Waino, you just hate to have to be on the edge all the time."

Edinson Volquez (1-2) gave up six runs in 5½ innings for Pittsburgh, which has dropped five of six. His day unraveled after the Pirates' appeal of a potential double-play ball was denied and first baseman Ike Davis' foot was ruled off the bag in the sixth inning.

Davis was on the dirt stretching for the relay and was adamant replay got it wrong, contending he had contact with the base for "at least a half-second" after gloving the relay from second baseman Neil Walker.

"I knew I was on the bag. You can look at the video yourself and you would think I was on the bag, too," Davis said after the game. "But I guess it wasn't a close

enough view."

Craig's two-out bloop single made it 2-0 the next at-bat, his first RBI in eight games. Peralta followed with a three-run homer on a full count for a 5-0 lead that chased Volquez, who's 3-6 with a 5.66 ERA in 12 career starts against St. Louis.

Peralta also homered leading off the fifth, the Cardinals' first since Craig on April 16 at Milwaukee. He has six homers, the most ever by a Cardinals shortstop in the opening month of the season and one more than Edgar Renteria hit in 2000.

Wainwright (5-1) allowed three hits in eight scoreless innings and hasn't allowed a run in 25 consecutive innings. He stayed on turn after tweaking his right knee trying to cover first in his last start at New York and had seven strikeouts with two walks.

Cubs 4, Brewers 0: Jason Hammel (4-1) allowed just three hits in seven innings and struck out seven while Starlin Castro homered twice as visiting Chicago blanked Milwaukee. Brewers stars Ryan Braun and Jean Segura both missed the game with injuries.

Phillies 2, Diamondbacks 0: A.J. Burnett pitched eight sharp innings for his first win of the season as visiting Philadelphia ended a 10-game road trip with a victory over Arizona.

Mets 4, Marlins 0: Dillon Gee pitched three-hit ball for eight innings, and Chris Young hit a two-run homer as host New York beat Miami.

Rockies 6, Dodgers 1: Josh Rutledge hit a three-run homer and Jorge De La Rosa pitched seven strong innings, leading visiting Colorado over Los Angeles.

Padres 4, Nationals 2: Cameron Maybin celebrated his return to the lineup with a pair of hits, and Ian Kennedy pitched seven strong innings as San Diego beat host Washington.



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright allowed only three hits in eight innings and became the first five-game winner in the major leagues this season as the Cardinals shut out the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-0 on Sunday at Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Scoreboard

First round

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlanta 2, Indiana 3

Atlanta 101, Atlanta 85

Atlanta 98, Atlanta 85

Monday: at Atlanta

Thursday: at Atlanta

x-Saturday: at Indiana

Miami 3, Charlotte 0

Miami 101, Charlotte 97

Monday: at Charlotte

x-Wednesday: at Miami

x-Friday: at Charlotte

x-Sunday, May 4: at Miami

Brooklyn 2, Toronto 2

Brooklyn 94, Toronto 87

Toronto 100, Brooklyn 95

Brooklyn 102, Toronto 98

Sunday: Toronto 87, Brooklyn 79

Wednesday: at Toronto

Friday: at Brooklyn

x-Saturday: at Washington

Washington 102, Chicago 93

Washington 101, Chicago 99, OT

Chicago 100, Washington 97

Sunday: Washington 96, Chicago 89

Tuesday: at Chicago

x-Thursday: at Washington

x-Saturday: at Chicago

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Dallas 2, San Antonio 1

San Antonio 90, Dallas 85

San Antonio 92, Dallas 85

Dallas 109, San Antonio 108

Monday: at Dallas

Wednesday: at Dallas, TBA

x-Sunday: at San Antonio, TBA

Memphis 2, Oklahoma City 0

Oklahoma City 110, Memphis 101

Memphis 111, Oklahoma City 105, OT

Memphis 98, Oklahoma City 95, OT

Oklahoma City 92, Memphis 89

Tuesday: at Oklahoma City

Thursday: at Memphis

x-Saturday: at Oklahoma City

Oklahoma City 101, Memphis 97

Golden State 109, L.A. Clippers 105

L.A. Clippers 138, Golden State 98

L.A. Clippers 101, Golden State 97

Sunday: Golden State 118, L.A. Clippers 97

Tuesday: at L.A. Clippers

Golden State 101, L.A. Clippers 97

Saturday: at L.A. Clippers

Portland 3, Houston 1

Portland 100, Houston 97, OT

Portland 112, Houston 105

Wednesday: at Portland, OT

x-Sunday: Portland 123, Houston 102, OT

Friday: at Houston

x-Saturday: Portland 110, Houston 97

x-Sunday, May 4: at Houston

Sunday

Wizards 98, Bulls 89

CHICAGO—Dwight Howard 3-8 0-0, Boozer

3-7 2-8, Noah 4-9 2-3 10, Mitchell 12-10 7

7, Butler 10-14 1-6, Augustin 3-10 1-8

Gibson 13-16 6-7 32, Snell 1-2 0-2, Totals

91-87

WASHINGTON—Ariza 10-17 4-5 30,

Booker 6-10 1-8 5-17, Wall 4-15 7-18

2-2 18, Beal 7-13 2-2 18, Gooden 1-4

0-0 2, Webster 3-6 2-2 8, Harrington 0-1

0-0 1, Miller 0-2 0-0 0, Seraphin 0-0 0-0 0,

Totals 35-26 20-29 8

Chicago 18 22 22 27 89

Washington 28 27 16 98

Three-Point Goals—Chicago 4-19 (Butler

2-7, Augustin 1-6, Wall 1-6, Snell 0-1,

Dwight 0-2), Washington 8-19 (Ariza

0-2, Beal 0-2, Miller 0-2, Seraphin 0-2),

Assists—Chicago 22 (Wall 10, Totals—Chicago

22, Washington 18, Technicals—Gibson,

Championship Game—Booker—Booker

Flagrant Fouls—Boozer—A—20,356

(20,308)

Houston 123, Rockets 120

HOUSTON—Parsons 11-18 0-2 26, Asik

3-5 0-0 6, Howard 7-14 11-17 25, Beverley

2-7 2-6, Harden 9-21 7-8 28, Lin 1-6 2-2 4,

Jones 3-6 2-4 8, Daniels 5-7 3-3 17, Totals

41-84 27-38 120

PORTLAND—Batum 11-23 1-2 25, Al-

dridge 12-23 5-8 29, Lopez 3-3 0-0 8, Lil-

lard 0-13 6-7 23, Matthews 8-15 3-4 21,

Freeland 0-9 0-0 0, Williams 3-11 2-2 9,

Wright 1-2 5-7 8, Robinson 1-1 0-0 2, Totals

45-91 22-30 123

Houston 29 32 28 22 124-120

Portland 23 28 28 27 17-123

Three-Point Goals—Houston 11-28

(Daniels 4-5, Parsons 4-5, Harden 3-11,

Lin 0-2, Beverley 0-4), Portland 11-28 (Lil-

lard 5-17, Matthews 2-6, Batum 2-7, Wright

1-2, Williams 1-6), Fouled Out—Lopez,

Rebounds—Houston 36 (Howard 14),

Portland 52 (Lopez 11), Assists—Hous-

ton 16 (Harden 6), Portland 25 (Lillard

24), Total Fouls—Houston 27, Portland 24

Technicals—Howard, Jones, Matthews,

Williams, Portland defensive three, sec-

ond, Flagrant Fouls—Parsons, A—20,246

(19,980)

Raptors 87, Nets 79

TORONTO—Ross 0-1 0-0 0, Johnson

7-11 3-3 17, Valanciunas 3-3 0-0 6, Lowry

7-17 5-22, DeRozan 7-19 9-11 24, Patterson

3-7 2-9, Vasquez 4-10 2-9, Salmons

0-0 0, Hayes 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 31-60

Totals 31-75 23-87

BROOKLYN—Johnson 2-7 2-4 7,

Pierce 9-14 1-2 22, Garnett 3-6 4-4 10,

Williams 4-12 2-10, Livingston 3-7 3-6

9, Plumlee 0-1 1-2 1, Anderson 0-1 2-3,

Teleovic 5-9 2-2 12, Kirilenko 0-1 1-0 0,

Totals 31-55 2-4, Totals 31-60

Toronto 35 16 16 2-87

Brooklyn 22 21 21 6-79

Three-Point Goals—Toronto 6-23

(Lowry 3-6, DeRozan 1-1, Patterson 1-1,

Vasquez 1-6, Novak 0-1, Ross 0-1,

Salmons 0-3), Brooklyn 4-20 (Pierce 3-6,

Johnson 1-3, Blatche 0-1, Anderson

0-2, Teleovic 0-3, Williams 0-3), Fouled

Out—None, Rebounds—Toronto 47 (Pat-

terson 9), Brooklyn 51 (Blatche 7), As-

sists—Toronto 15 (Vasquez 9), Brooklyn

17 (Williams 6), Total Fouls—Toronto 19,

Brooklyn 25, Technicals—Valanciunas,

Livingston, Brooklyn defensive three

second, A—17,172 (17,722)

Warriors 118, Clippers 97

GOLDEN STATE—Warriors 47-70,

Griffin 8-14 5-21, Jordan 0-1 0-0, Paul

5-9 4-16, Redick 3-9 3-12, Collison 3-7

0-0, Ja Crawford 8-18 7-15, Bledsoe 2-3

0-0, Granger 0-4 0-0 0, Turkoglu 1-4 0-0

0-0, Totals 33-77 21-24-87

L.A. Clippers 22-30 11-21 74

D-10-24 2-2 4, Lee 1-1 1-1 5, Curry

10-20 1-13 33, Thompson 5-13 2-4 15,

Blanchard 2-4 1-5, Bledsoe 2-3 1-2 15,

Armstrong 2-2 0-0 4, Speights

0-0 0-2, Nuzum 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 47-74

21-28 18

L.A. Clippers 24 24 24 25-97

Three-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 10-31

2-4, Turkoglu 1-3, Barnes 1-3, Collison

0-2, Granger 0-3), Warriors 15-32 (Curry

7-14, Thompson 3-10, Bledsoe 2-2,

H.Barnes 2-3, Blake 1-3, D.Green 0-2),

Fouled Out—Thompson, Rebounds—L.A.

Clippers 42 (Griffin, Jordan 6), Golden

State 25 (Curry 7), Assists—L.A. Clippers

20 (Paul 6), Golden State 32 (Iguodala

10), Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 25, Golden

State 30, Coaches—Golden State defensive

three, A—15,956 (15,596)

Calendar

May 20—Draft lottery.

June 5—NBA Finals begin.

June 5—Draft early entry withdrawal

deadline.

June 26—NBA draft.



GREG WAHL-STEPHENS/AP

The Trail Blazers' Damian Lillard, center, passes to LaMarcus Aldridge, right, against the Rockets' Dwight Howard, left, and James Harden during the second half of Game 4 of their playoff series Sunday in Portland, Ore. The Trail Blazers beat the Rockets 123-120 in overtime.

Blazers hold off Rockets

By ANNE M. PETERSON
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — There was some shouting going on in the Trail Blazers' locker room after they fell behind by 10 points at halftime to the Rockets.

Up 2-1 in their first playoff series since 2011, the Blazers didn't want to mess up Game 4, especially in front of their hometown fans.

In the words of Chuck Charles Barkley — we were playing like wussies," Portland guard Wesley Matthews said. "That was the message to each other."

Whatever was said, the Trail Blazers pulled out of their funk and went on to defeat the Rockets 123-120 in overtime Sunday night to take a 3-1 advantage in the series that moves to Houston on Wednesday.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 29 points and 10 rebounds in the first win for the home team in the series, while Nicolas Batum added 25 points. It was the third game in the series decided in overtime.

The Blazers haven't advanced

out of the first round since 2000. Portland also hasn't held a 3-1 advantage in a series since the 2000 Western Conference semifinals against Utah, which the Blazers won 4-1.

James Harden had 28 points and Dwight Howard added 25 points and 14 rebounds for the Rockets.

"The playoffs are a grind," Houston coach Kevin McHale said. "It's a different game than the regular season. You've got to be built for the grind."

Portland trailed by as many as 11 points, but rallied in the fourth quarter. Mo Williams' three-point put the Blazers in front 105-104 with 18.9 seconds left. Dorell Wright missed the first of two free throws, making it 106-104 with 8.3 seconds to go.

Howard dunked off a feed from Harden with 3.6 seconds left to tie it and Williams missed a three at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

Chandler Parsons was hit with a flagrant foul on Aldridge, who made foul free throws to give the Blazers the lead to start off OT.

Batum scooped up a layup before adding a three-pointer and Damian Lillard made a layup to put Portland ahead 117-110.

Houston rookie Troy Daniels nailed a three and Harden landed a jumper to narrow it to 119-117, but Lillard made free throws to extend the lead to four points with 17 seconds left.

Aldridge missed a pair of free throws and Daniels was fouled by Wright on a three-point attempt and made all three shots to narrow it to 121-120 with 8.9 seconds left. After a Portland timeout, Mo Williams made free throws for the final margin.

"It was tough," Aldridge said. "I thought it was a gut-check by everybody. I thought our guys took the challenge."

Aldridge opened Portland's return to the playoffs with a franchise postseason-best 46 points in the Blazers' 122-120 overtime victory in Game 1, then followed it up with 43 points in the 112-105 win. The Rockets won the third, 121-116 in overtime on Friday night at the Moda Center.

Parity means profitable for some stars in first round

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI
The Associated Press

The NBA and many of its owners have long been in search of greater parity to thwart one of the enduring criticisms of the league's playoffs — that the outcome is too predictable.

That the kind of suspense that makes March Madness so compelling, and the kind of hope that gives fan bases across the NFL the belief that their team has a chance to win it all, doesn't exist in the NBA.

During the league's lockout of the players in 2011, then-Commissioner David Stern and several league profile owners expressed a need for changes to the collective bargaining agreement to level the playing field between markets big and small.

During a wide opening round, it appears that the league is closer to achieving that goal. Top-seeded Indiana is getting a huge challenge from Atlanta, a team that entered the playoffs with a losing record. Oklahoma City is knotted 2-2 with Memphis; Houston is down 3-1 against Portland; and even the San Antonio Spurs have their hands full with eighth-seeded Dallas out West.

"You see some of these teams that have the higher seed that have home-court advantage losing games," NBA TV analyst Grant Hill said. "I'm not sure that we've ever seen that many losing out one time."

The favorites went 7-9 in the first 16 games of the playoffs, the worst record since the league went to the seven-game series format in 2003. The games have been exciting, tightly played and anything

but predictable, with both conferences appearing to be as wide open as they have been in years.

But that could come at a price. Some of the league's established stars and biggest brands are in trouble early. For a star-driven league, the prospects of not having players such as Kevin Durant and Dwight Howard could be cause for concern.

Add in that these playoffs are missing three of the league's most recognizable franchises — the Lakers, Knicks and Celtics — and that may not bode well for television ratings.

There is plenty of time for the Pacers, Thunder, Spurs and Chicago Bulls, another of the league's marquee franchises, to turn things around. But their absences would open the door

for a fresh-faced crop of players that fans don't see on national television every week to show what they can do.

John Wall and Bradley Beal have formed a young, dynamic backcourt with the Washington Wizards, a franchise that has toiled in obscurity. LaMarcus Aldridge has been one of the best power forwards in the league for most of his eight-year career. But he has enjoyed little postseason success and plays in Portland. Kyle Lowry and DeMar DeRozan are also getting to soak up some of the spotlight after the Toronto Raptors were virtually ignored on the national television schedule all season.

"Stars are made in the postseason," Hill said. "If by chance a star or two doesn't make it far, there's other stars that can and will emerge."

NBA

No Nene, no problem for Wizards

Ariza scores career playoff-high 30 as Washington takes 3-1 lead over Bulls

By JOSEPH WHITE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even with the team's "X-factor" suspended, the Washington Wizards had a No. 42 sitting next to the bench. The 57-year-old with graying hair couldn't box out or grab a rebound, but owner Ted Leonsis waved his red towel and egged on a cheering crowd that chanted "Free Nene!"

The Wizards did just fine without the suspended Brazilian forward. They scored the first 14 points and beat the Chicago Bulls 98-89 on Sunday to take a 3-1 lead in the Eastern Conference series.

"I thought it was pretty hilarious that Ted had Nene's jersey on," Wizards guard Bradley Beal said. "It kind of threw me off for a minute, but then I looked and seen it was Ted."

Nene or not, the Wizards did what they've done all series: Take a quick lead and force the Bulls to use up energy trying to catch up. It was 15-8 in Game 3, 29-12 in Game 2, 19-13 in Game 1. Washington, seeking to win a playoff series for only the third time since the 1970s, can finish off the Bulls on the road in Game 5 on Tuesday night.

"We keep seeing this same kind of start for the last couple of games, and it's frustrating," said Taj Gibson, who came off the bench to lead the Bulls with a career-high 32 points. "It seems like at times we get overhyped with just thinking we're going to be OK, we're just that good. But



Wizards forward Trevor Ariza dunks the ball as Washington center Marcin Gortat (4) looks on during the second half of Game 4 of their opening-round playoff series in Washington on Sunday. The Wizards defeated the Bulls 98-89 to take a 3-1 series lead.

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in this league it's not about how talented you are, it's about how hard you work and how much effort you put when you start the game off, and I don't think we did that."

Nene was suspended for the game after grabbing Jimmy Butler's head in the fourth quarter of the Wizards' Game 3 loss. Wall called Nene the "X-factor" this week, and for good reason: Since the March 2012 trade that brought Nene to D.C., Washington is 65-63 when he plays and 21-41 when he doesn't.

That said, the club did hold its own by winning 12 of 21 when Nene went down with a knee injury late in the regular season, an absence coach Randy Wittman said might have been a "blessing in disguise" that helped prepare them for Sunday.

"I saw our guys bond together," Wittman said. "Like, 'That's OK, all right. Big fellow's not going to be here, but that's OK.' And we were in tune right from the start."

Trevor Ariza, getting some of the early looks that might have gone to Nene, scored a career playoff-high 30 points, making 6 of 10 three-pointers. Beal had 18 points, and John Wall added 15 points and 10 assists for the Wizards, who forced 16 turnovers and committed only six.

"I think we're a smart enough group to understand that when one of your pieces goes down, you have to find ways and will to win," Ariza said. "Tonight was my night to take on the scoring load."



SHANE YOUNG/AP

Basketball Hall of Fame member Jack Ramsay coached for 21 years in the NBA, leading the Portland Trail Blazers to the NBA championship in 1977, before he became one of the league's most respected television analysts.

Hall of Famer Ramsay dies at 89

By TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Jack Ramsay, a Hall of Fame coach who led the Portland Trail Blazers to the 1977 NBA championship before he became one of the NBA's most respected broadcasters, has died following a long battle with cancer. He was 89.

Ramsay's death was announced by ESPN, for whom he worked as a broadcaster since 2000.

"Dr. Jack Ramsay has passed," ESPN spokesman Chris LaPlaca wrote on Twitter early Monday. "A rare man. Loved and respected by all. Fascinating life well lived. An inspiration to so many."

Ramsay coached in the NBA for parts of 21 seasons before embarking on a second career as an NBA analyst. He was diagnosed with melanoma in 2004 and later battled growths and tumors that spread to his legs, lungs and brain, then later fought prostate cancer and most recently a marrow syndrome.

His affinity for fitness never wavered, though. Ramsay, who competed in at least 20 triathlons during his life, worked out regularly into his 80s, even as he battled the various forms of cancer that he was stricken with. He often spoke of his love of swimming in the Gulf of Mexico near his home in Naples, Fla., or jogging in a pool or from wall to wall in his hotel room when he was traveling on NBA assignments.

"He's probably forgotten more about the game than I know," Miami Heat coach and president Pat Riley once said of Ramsay, whom he counted as a close friend.

Raptors win, even series with Nets

By BRIAN MAHONEY
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The most pressure-packed moments of playoff basketball, when the legs get heavy and the palms sweaty, seem to suit those young Toronto Raptors just fine.

Instead, it's the veteran Brooklyn Nets who are fizzling at the finish.

DeMar DeRozan scored 24 points, Kyle Lowry added 22, and the Raptors beat the Nets 87-79 on Sunday night to even their Eastern Conference first-round series at two games apiece.

When a fourth-quarter rally fell just short in Game 3, the Raptors just shook it off and handled the final period even better this time.

"That's just us, man," DeRozan said. "We're definitely resilient. We're never going to give up until the game's over."

Amir Johnson had 17 points for the Raptors, who started fast, gave up all of a 17-point lead, then shut the Nets down over the final five minutes to snap a 13-game road losing streak in the playoffs that went back 13 years.

Game 5 is Wednesday night in Toronto, with the series now guaranteed a return to Brooklyn on Friday for Game 6.

Paul Pierce scored 22 points for the Nets, who were 3-for-17 in the fourth quarter and didn't have a field goal after Pierce's basket with 6:13 left gave them a 77-73 lead.

It was baffling for a team that assembled a star-studded roster that will cost more than \$180 million in salaries and taxes for a shot at a title, and now faces a huge fight just to get out of the first round.

"You get in a playoff situation, one guy, or two or three guys, wants to do it on their own instead of just running our offense, executing. And I think we got caught up into that," said Pierce, adding that the Nets were rushing and pressing.

Kevin Garnett had 10 points for the Nets, but Joe Johnson and Deron Williams were mostly non-factors in getting outplayed by Toronto's backcourt. Johnson had only seven points on seven shots after averaging 23.7 points in the first three games, and Williams was 4 of 12 for his 10.



KATHY WILLEMS/AP

Toronto forward Patrick Patterson, left, defends Brooklyn forward Paul Pierce in the second half of Game 4 of their first-round playoff series at the Barclays Center on Sunday in New York. The Raptors evened the series at 2-2 with a 87-79 victory over the Nets.

NBA PLAYOFFS

All eyes now on Silver in Sterling fallout

League commissioner pressed for swift action in racially charged scandal with LA owner

By TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

The Los Angeles Clippers have Monday off.

Adam Silver likely won't get that same luxury.

Facing the first real crisis of his short tenure as NBA commissioner, Silver is under pressure to swiftly bring some sort of resolution to the scandal surrounding Clippers owner Donald Sterling and the racially charged comments he allegedly made in a recorded conversation, portions of which were released over the weekend by TMZ and Deadspin.

The matter will not go away anytime soon, but the players' association is hoping Silver rules before the Clippers play host to Golden State in a critical Game 5 of their knotted-up Western Conference first-round series on Tuesday night. That means plenty of eyeballs will remain on the commissioner's office Monday, waiting to see if any word is coming.

"This situation is a massive distraction for the league right now," said Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson, the former NBA All-Star who is serving as an adviser to the National Basketball Players Association while the Sterling matter plays out. "It must be addressed immediately."

Silver's first priority is verifying the comments on the re-



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

Clippers players listen to the national anthem wearing their warm-up jerseys inside out to protest alleged racial remarks by team owner Donald Sterling before Game 4 on Sunday against Golden State.

cording. From there, Silver's next move remains unclear. He works for the owners — and so far that group seems to have no sympathy for Sterling's latest controversy.

Among those who have spoken out publicly to condemn the alleged Sterling remarks: Washington's Ted Leonsis, Miami's Micky Arison and perhaps most notably, Charlotte's Michael Jordan, who

won six NBA titles as a player.

"I'm obviously disgusted that a fellow team owner could hold such sickening and offensive views," Jordan said in a statement released Sunday. "I'm confident that Adam Silver will make a full investigation and take appropriate action quickly."

Silver started as commissioner Feb. 1, replacing the retired

David Stern. Silver met with Kevin Johnson on Sunday and heard five things that the players' union wants from the commissioner, that list includes:

■ Sterling doesn't attend any NBA games for the rest of the playoffs because of the "enormous distraction."

■ A full account of past allegations of discrimination by Ster-

ling and why the league never sanctioned him.

■ An explanation of the range of penalties the league could bring against Sterling.

■ Assurance the NBA and the union will be partners in the investigation.

■ A decisive ruling.

"He's got to come down hard," Hall of Fame player Magic Johnson, who was referenced on the audio recording, said Sunday on ABC.

The NBA constitution is not public, though it's understood the commissioner's powers are broad when it comes to dealing with matters deemed "prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of basketball." A fine, a suspension, a demand for sensitivity training, all those and more are surely at Silver's disposal.

Meanwhile, more audio may be coming. An employee in the office of attorney Mac E. Nehoray, who represents the woman allegedly on the tape, said the full recording lasts about an hour. The clips released by TMZ and Deadspin are significantly shorter than that.

The attorney's office also insists that the recording is legitimate and that Sterling is the man on the tape.

Sterling agreed to not attend Sunday's game, though his wife — who has filed suit against the woman alleged to be on the tape — was present.

Curry, Warriors rout distracted Clippers, even series



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

The Warriors' Stephen Curry celebrates after blocking a shot during the second half of Sunday's Game 4 against the Clippers. Curry scored 33 points and Golden State won 118-97 to tie the series.

By ANTONIO GONZALEZ
The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Los Angeles Clippers made a silent protest against owner Donald Sterling before Game 4 of their Western Conference playoff series against Golden State. The Warriors made a different kind of statement during the game.

And just like that, a series pulled into a race-related scandal took another twist.

Stephen Curry made a career playoff-high seven three-pointers and scored 33 points, leading the Warriors past the Clippers 118-97 on Sunday to even their first-round series at two games apiece.

"We wanted to come out and focus on all the work we've put in over the summer, throughout the course of the season to get ready for this moment in the playoffs and just have fun and enjoy it — not let one person ruin it for everybody," Curry said.

The game almost became an afterthought — until tiptoff anyway — after an audio recording was posted Saturday online by TMZ purportedly of Sterling making comments urging a woman to not bring black people to his team's games. The alleged comments, which are under investigation by

the NBA, have set off reactions of anger and calls for action through the league.

Clippers players made a silent protest against Sterling by shedding their warm-up jerseys and going through the pregame routine with their red shirts on inside out. They also wore black bands on their wrists or arms and black socks in a show of solidarity.

Curry and company did a better job focusing from the start.

The All-Star guard made his first five threes to give Golden State a 20-point lead in the first quarter that held up most of the way. Curry shot 10-for-20 from the floor, including 7-for-14 from beyond the arc, and had seven assists and seven rebounds.

"I just thought they were the tougher team and it wasn't even close. Should have been a first round knockout," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said.

Golden State outshot Los Angeles 55.4 to 42.9 percent. The Clippers had 19 turnovers, while the Warriors had a series-low 15.

Both coaches and players agreed that Sterling's purported comments affected their preparation, and neither side believed it was a determining factor in the outcome.

"I think both teams were somewhat bothered by what has taken

place the last 24 hours," Warriors coach Mark Jackson said. "But my guys just played with great energy, great effort."

Rivers blamed himself for not getting his players ready.

"I'm not going to deny that we had other stuff," he said. "I just believe when the game starts, the game starts and nobody cares anymore. Golden State surely didn't care."

Once the ball was thrown up and the crowd roared, the Warriors quickly put the Clippers in a hole they could never recover from.

Curry's five three-pointers in the first quarter tied a franchise-playoff record for a quarter, matching a mark he and Thompson set last year. Golden State led by 20 in the first quarter and 66-48 at the half.

Game 5 is Tuesday night in Los Angeles.

Andre Iguodala added 22 points and nine assists, and David Lee, Klay Thompson and Harrison Barnes each scored 15 as the Warriors went to a smaller lineup to regain their shooting touch in front of a roaring, gold-shirt wearing sellout crowd of 19,596 that stood after every swish.

"It just all came together," said Iguodala, who also had nine assists and four rebounds.

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KENTUCKY DERBY



BENJAMIN PHOTO/AP

A full field of 20 is expected for the 140th Kentucky Derby on Saturday, and trainer Art Sherman's California Chrome is the early favorite.

Kentucky dreamin'

California Chrome early Derby favorite

BY BETH HARRIS
The Associated Press

Todd Pletcher is going after the Kentucky Derby with numbers again.

The trainer who has won the America's greatest race once

could saddle four horses. Little-known Mike Maker could have three starters, while three-time Derby winner Bob Baffert has two contenders.

Art Sherman has just one. But it's a really good one.

California Chrome is expected to be the favorite for the 140th Derby next Saturday.

The colt brings a four-race winning streak into Churchill Downs, having won those by a combined 24½ lengths.

"I've never had a horse that did that before," said Sherman, who began training in 1980 after being a jockey for 21 years and later a racing official.

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Pletcher's quartet

One-time Kentucky Derby winning trainer Todd Pletcher, right, is planning to saddle four horses for Saturday's race: Arkansas Derby winner Danza, Risen Star winner Intense Holiday, Spiral Stakes winner We Miss Artie, and Vinceremos.



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